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CITY OFFICIALS.

Executive.

O. T. HOLT.....Mayor

Legislative.

H. T. KELLER.....President City Council

J. Z. GASTON.....Vice-President City Council

D. D. BRYAN.....Secretary and Clerk of Council

EMMIE Y. SPEED.....Assistant Secretary

Aldermen.

1st Ward { W. J. KOHLHAUFF.....1315 Edwards St.
HENRY PULS.....1620 Weber St.

2d Ward { L. E. MILLER.....54 Gabel St.
JAS. A. THOMPSON.....2701 Runnels St.

3d Ward { W. W. THOMAS.....1605 San Jacinto St.
G. C. STREET.....1302 LaBranch St.

4th Ward { HERMAN T. KELLER.....1906 Milam St.
T. W. ARCHER.....704 Lamar Ave.

5th Ward { STEVE N. GARVEY.....1619 McKee St.
ROBT. L. JONES.....1002 McKee St.

6th Ward { J. Z. GASTON.....1719 Washington Ave.
W. T. WALL.....2120 Kane St.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

THOS. H. STONE.....City Attorney

E. P. PHELPS.....Chief Assistant Attorney

J. E. WALTON.....Assistant Attorney

T. C. FORD.....Assistant Attorney

Corporation Court.

A. R. RAILEY.....Judge Corporation Court

C. A. MITCHNER.....Clerk

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

TOM BRINGHURST.....City Controller
 A. A. SZABO.....Treasurer
 E. S. WOOD.....Assistant Treasurer

Department of Taxes.

JAMES P. WELSH.....Assessor and Collector
 O. P. JACKSON.....Chief Clerk
 D. C. SMITH, JR.....Clerk
 CABEEN BLAKE.....Clerk
 H. B. JOHNSON.....Clerk
 J. E. BROWNE.....Clerk

Board of Liquidation.

J. E. MCASHAN, E. W. SEWALL,
 HENRY BRASHEAR, F. A. HEITMANN,
 H. W. GARROW.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Police Department.

GEORGE ELLIS.....Chief of Police
 JOHN W. HOWARD.....Deputy Chief of Police
 J. M. RAY.....First Sergeant
 F. E. BERNER.....Second Sergeant
 S. E. SPENCE.....Chief Clerk
 MRS. F. M. BOWLER.....Matron

Fire Department.

J. P. ARTO.....Chief Engineer
 HERMAN DISSEN.....Assistant Chief Engineer
 E. L. BENSEN.....Secretary

Boiler Inspector and Engineers.

CHAS. G. BYRNE...Boiler Inspector and Secretary of Board of Engineers

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

GEO. H. BOLLMAN, CHAS. K. BLATNER, CHAS. G. BYRNE.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

DR. W. M. BRUMBY.....	Health Officer
DR. WALLACE N. SHAW.....	Assistant Health Officer
J. H. BOWEN.....	Chief Clerk
DR. C. M. NOBLE.....	Veterinarian and Food and Milk Inspector
J. S. GREEN.....	Sanitary Inspector
G. A. RIENHARDT.....	Sanitary Inspector

Board of Health.

DR. JOE STUART.....	President
DR. A. M. DAVIDSON,	DR. O. L. NORSWORTHY,
DR. J. ALLEN KYLE,	DR. W. A. ARCHER,
DR. J. D. DUCKETT.	

Scavenger Department.

J. KENNEDY.....	Scavenger
JOHN E. CUMMINGS.....	Chief Clerk
OTTO HOLT CAMP.....	Inspector
W. H. FLAIG.....	Inspector
WILL E. COYLE.....	Inspector

Department of Streets.

MATT DRENNAN.....	Street Commissioner
SHELBY BOULDEN.....	Inspector of Streets
J. J. WALKER.....	Inspector of Bridges

PUBLIC WORKS.

Board of Public Works.

C. H. BERING.....	Chairman
C. G. PILLOT,	J. R. CADE.

Department of Engineering.

F. L. DORMANT.....	City Engineer
F. L. MILLER.....	Chief Assistant Engineer
GEO. J. MILLER.....	Draughtsman
M. B. LEACH.....	Clerk

Department of Buildings.

F. L. DORMANT.....Building Inspector
 R. T. GALLAGHER.....Deputy Building Inspector
 JOHN MCNEELY.....Sewer and Plumbing Inspector

Department of Electricity.

CLARENCE R. GEORGE.....City Electrician
 FRANK PETERS.....Inspector
 JOHN LUCKIE.....Lineman

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**Board of School Trustees.**

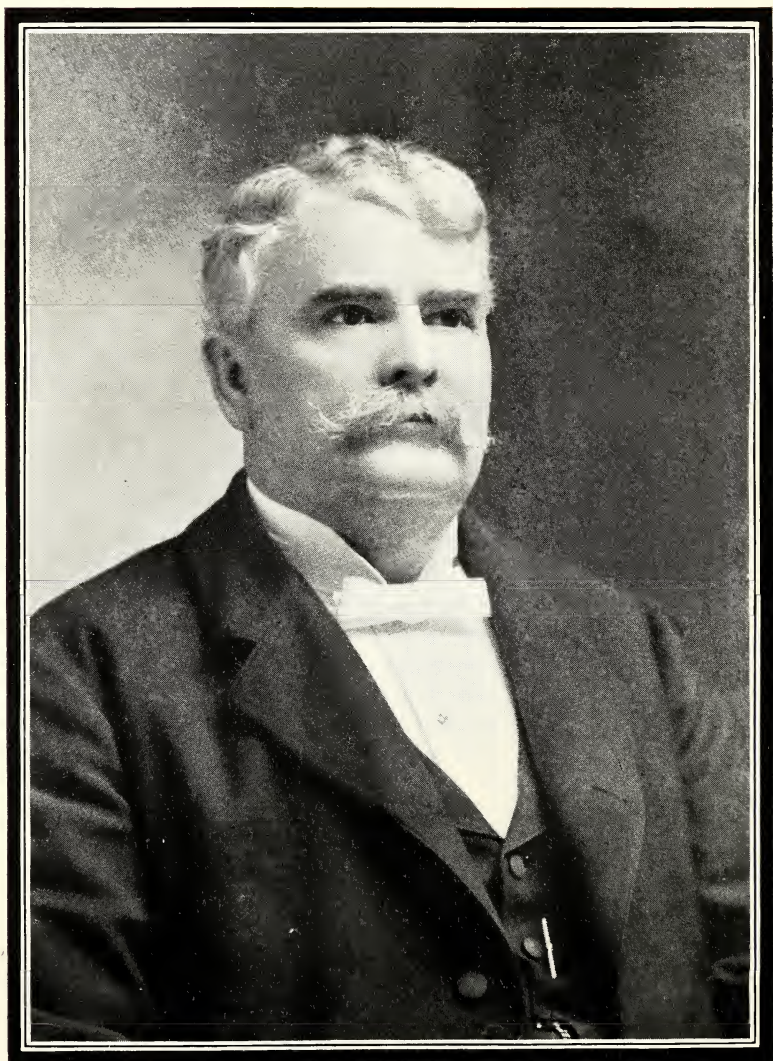
DR. G. D. PARKER.....President
 R. N. LITTLE.....Secretary
 C. M. VOTAW, J. D. FREEMAN,
 H. A. HALVERTON, G. F. SHEPHERD,
 DR. MAX URWITZ.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. R. MILLER.....Market Master
 O. H. NOLAND.....Park Superintendent
 J. J. WHALEN.....Superintendent Garbage Department
 WM. WORKE.....Stable Foreman

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL.

FINANCE—Aldermen Street, Keller and Gaston.
 STREET AND BRIDGE—Aldermen Archer, Thomas and Puls.
 RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS—Aldermen Keller, Miller and Wall.
 HOSPITAL—Aldermen Thompson, Garvey and Puls.
 WATER—Aldermen Kohlhauff, Puls and Street.
 POLICE—Aldermen Wall, Archer and Jones.
 FIRE—Aldermen Jones, Thompson and Gaston.
 ORDINANCE—Aldermen Thomas, Miller and Garvey.
 MARKET—Aldermen Gaston, Miller and Jones.
 PARK—Aldermen Gaston, Kohlhauff and Archer.
 JOURNAL—Aldermen Miller, Garvey and Kohlhauff.
 SEWER—Aldermen Jones, Wall and Keller.
 LIGHT—Aldermen Kohlhauff, Thompson and Miller.
 REFUNDING—Aldermen Thompson, Garvey and Puls.
 CARNEGIE LIBRARY—Aldermen Thomas, Jones and Archer.
 SCHOOL—Aldermen Thomas, Thompson and Gaston.



O. T. HOLT, MAYOR.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

OF

O. T. HOLT,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 25, 1904.

To the President and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN—In obedience to the requirements of the Charter, I beg to submit herewith my annual report, together with recommendations for the budget for 1904, as follows:

Budget for 1904.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive—

Mayor's Office	\$ 3,850.00
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Legislative—

City Council	5,300.00
City Secretary's Office	3,600.00

Law Department—

City Attorney's Office	8,500.00
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Finance Department—

City Controller's Office	3,600.00
City Treasurer's Office	2,600.00
City Assessor and Collector	9,500.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT—*Continued*:

Brought forward	\$ 36,950.00
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Miscellaneous—

City Hall	3,000.00
Board of Appraisement	1,500.00
Elections	1,000.00
Damages not Chargeable to Departments.....	1,000.00
Interest on Bonded Debt	181,000.00
Miscellaneous Interest and Exchange	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	24,000.00
Electric Lights	35,000.00
Water	24,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department	60,000.00
Corporation Court	2,500.00
Fire Department	63,500.00
Health Department	12,000.00
Scavenger Department	13,500.00
Boiler Inspector	900.00
Electrical Department	3,500.00

PUBLIC WORKS:

Board of Public Works.....	500.00
City Engineer	10,000.00
Street and Bridge Department	45,000.00
Garbage Department	15,000.00
Sewer Department	12,000.00

PUBLIC INDUSTRIES:

Markets	2,400.00
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PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART:

Public Schools	90,000.00
Public Schools (State Appropriation)	50,000.00
Old School Debt	20,000.00
Sam Houston Park	5,720.00
Houston Carnegie and Lyceum Library	4,000.00

EXPENSE EXTRAORDINARY:

Storrie Certificates	12,500.00
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Total	\$745,470.00
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Statement of Department Expenses for the Year 1903,

SHOWING BUDGET ALLOWANCES, EXCESSES AND DEFICIENCIES.

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	AMOUNT OF DEFICIT	AMOUNT OF EXCESS
Mayor	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,024.00	\$	\$ 26.00
Council	2,880.00	2,884.00	4.00	.....
Secretary	3,940.00	3,799.31	.....	140.69
Attorney	10,000.00	7,452.96	.....	2,547.04
Auditor	1,750.00	2,616.11	866.11	.....
Treasurer	2,500.00	2,501.54	1.54	.....
Assessor and Collector.	10,600.00	10,446.80	.....	153.20
City Hall	3,520.00	3,047.31	.....	472.69
Board of Appraisement.	1,320.00	1,320.00	.....	.....
Dam. to Prop. & Indiv.	.....	806.50	806.50	.....
Interest on Bonded Debt	161,000.00	162,318.27	1,318.27	.....
Miscellaneous Interest..	6,000.00	13,826.37	7,826.37	.....
Extra Misc. Interest....	.....	5,821.31	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	21,890.00	16,367.99	299.30	.....
Extraordinary .....	.....	5,821.31	.....	.....
Electric Lights.....	40,000.00	30,835.01	.....	9,164.99
Water	24,000.00	23,781.00	.....	219.00
Police ..	57,000.00	58,604.97	1,604.97	.....
Corporation Court....	2,500.00	2,513.35	13.35	.....
Fire..	56,800.00	64,916.07	8,116.07	.....
Health	13,000.00	13,235.72	235.72	.....
Scavenger	13,500.00	14,014.39	514.39	.....
Sealer .....	.....	20.25	20.25	.....
Boiler Inspector .....	.....	834.00	834.00	.....
Electrical Department..	3,500.00	4,385.08	885.08	.....
Board of Public Works	500.00	284.75	.....	215.25
Engineer.....	7,000.00	11,282.66	4,282.66	.....
Street & Bridge Dept..	45,000.00	43,135.15	.....	1,864.85
Garbage Department..	12,000.00	13,813.38	1,813.38	.....
Sewer Department....	15,000.00	11,986.50	.....	2,497.40
Extraordinary .....	.....	516.10	.....	.....
Market Department...	2,220.00	2,288.45	68.45	.....
Public Schools	80,000.00	135,310.10	15,362.67	.....
Extraordinary	45,265.00	5,317.57	.....	.....
Sam Houston Park	5,720.00	4,775.69	.....	804.81
Extraordinary .....	.....	139.50	.....	.....
Lyceum Library	12,400.00	1,667.90	.....	7,373.75
Extraordinary .....	.....	3,358.35	.....	.....
Storrie Certificates	12,000.00	12,500.00	500.00	.....
TOTALS.....	\$675,855.00	\$695,748.41	\$45,373.08	\$25,479.67
TOTAL DEFICIT....	.....	.....	\$19,893.41	.....

Financial.

As you may observe from this statement, which shows the amounts appropriated under the budget of 1903, together with the expenditures of the different departments, quite a number of the

more important departments, have overdrawn their budget allowance, making an aggregate deficit of \$19,893.41, and the budget for the current year will show an excess over the budget for 1903 aggregating \$125,300.00, the increase being distributed among the different departments as follows:

*Mayor's Office	\$ 800.00
*City Council	2,420.00
Controller	1,850.00
Treasurer	100.00
Board of Appraisement	600.00
Interest on Bonded Debt	20,000.00
Miscellaneous Interest	9,000.00
Police	3,000.00
Fire	6,700.00
City Engineer	3,000.00
Garbage	3,000.00
Market	180.00
Schools	40,000.00
Lyceum	1,600.00
Storrie Certificates	500.00

* These two items being the increase provided for by the Charter.

This increase in the budget is rendered necessary by the requirement of the Charter, which provides in substance that no money shall be paid out unless a specific appropriation has been made for the purpose, hence this year's budget is made with the view of meeting this requirement.

This increase in department appropriations, in my judgment, is necessary in meeting the requirements of a more modern and efficient service. In considering the expenditures in detail and by departments, I find that the largest excesses of expenditures over budget appropriations have been in the Schools, Fire, Engineering, Police and Garbage Departments, and the Carnegie Library. The increases in these departments, however, have not been at a more rapid rate than the growth and progress of the city and increase in population would warrant. The city has also been as well served in these departments as could reasonably be expected under the present system of organization.

The replacing of the school system under the city's more immediate jurisdiction by the provision of the new Charter, which went into effect on July 1st, 1903, thus assuming their debt of over \$40,000.00, and the effort of the administration to meet the more

urgent demands of the schools, accounts for the overdraft of \$15,000.00 in this department.

The fact that the Fire Department exceeded its budget allowance by over \$8,000.00 is easily explained by the statement that early in the year a new salary schedule was adopted for the Fire Department, increasing the pay-rolls \$8,190.00.

The financial statement as submitted by the Controller shows that the total current and deferred liabilities have been diminished during the year by \$42,541.46; the contingent liabilities by \$79,060.90; the Storrie certificates by \$15,983.33, making a total decrease in debt for the year of \$137,585.69, and this in the face of the fact that the total tax collections for 1902 were \$726,264.10, while the collections for the current year were but \$521,730.86, a difference in favor of 1902 more than sufficient to extinguish the city's present current liabilities, amounting \$182,946.39.

The bonded debt has been increased during the year \$400,000.00, \$300,000.00 for street paving, and \$100,000.00 for public improvements, such as the completion of the Market House, the new Central Fire Station, and for the repair and betterment of school property.

The taxes assessed for the previous year remaining uncollected at the end of the current year are shown on the books of the city as an asset, and these, together with other sources of revenue, make the city's total available assets, as shown by the report of the Controller, \$1,034,896.35. The unavailable assets of the city, such as buildings, real estate and other permanent improvements owned by the municipality, are \$3,961,400.06, making the city's total assets \$5,024,459.79.

Accounting System.

The new system of accounting, recommended by Haskins & Sells, was installed on March 1st, 1903, and all departments of the city government have been operating thereunder since that time. The change from the old to the new method was accomplished without confusion or detriment to the conduct of public affairs, and the detail workings of the new system have since progressed without friction. It is now evident that the system has proved an advan-

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tage to the city government, and it has improved the efficiency of individual employes and promoted an intelligent and interested direction of their efforts by departmental heads. Prior to the installation of the Haskins & Sells system, there was no uniform plan of accounting in use of general scope, reaching all of the branches of the city government. On the contrary, each department used its own judgment and system as to its individual accounting requirements, which resulted in the use of a different method of accounting for each department. This lack of uniformity, besides requiring unnecessary clerical work, involved extra expense, created complications in the final compilation of accounts that prevented an intelligent financial showing being made, either of the practical operations of the city government, respecting its revenues and expenses, or the statement of a true financial condition at any given period as to current assets and liabilities. Under the present system, daily reports are rendered the Controller by the head of each revenue-producing department of the city, of all licenses, permits, certificates or other privileges issued or granted, and daily reports of revenues collected thereunder are also rendered, thus enabling the proper and immediate accounting of each item of revenue, and insuring a prompt return of all revenues collected.

The beneficial effects of the system and the clearness of its operation are fully set forth in the report of the Controller.

Department Reports.

Conforming to the requirements of the Charter, all of the heads of departments (except the Street Commissioner) have submitted their annual reports, and from these I summarize some of the more important items, showing the work of the different departments during the year.

The report of the Treasurer shows the following balances to the credit of the various funds on January 1st, 1904:

General Fund	\$ 6,415.37
Special Deposit Fund	467.50
Paving Bond Fund.....	178,758.03
Sewer Bond Fund	26.00
Market House Fund	53,822.40
Fire Engine House Fund	27,098.25
Public School Fund	723.96

The assessment rolls for 1903 show a total assessment of \$31,985,830.00, an increase of \$698,803.00 over 1902. The assessment for the current year, 1904, will reach approximately \$40,000,000.00, as estimated by the Assessor and Collector, in consequence of the addition of seven square miles of territory added to the corporate limits by the new Charter, and which must be rendered for assessment this year.

The report of the Assessor and Collector shows a total collection for the year of \$563,806.86, \$139,955.00 of which was deposited with the Board of Liquidation for the payment of bond interest, and \$355,772.57 was deposited with the City Treasurer to the credit of the general fund. Included in the total collections are embraced occupation taxes, \$25,097.24, and poll tax, \$3,092.00.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department, with 61 men, 33 horses and 20 pieces of fire apparatus, has cost the city in its operation and maintenance \$64,916.07. During the year the department responded to 353 alarms, which was 58 more than during the preceding year, and more than during any of the five preceding years. The total damage by fire to buildings and contents was \$144,675.84. The assets of this department, exclusive of the fire alarm system, are \$133,245.00. For the betterment of the department, 4,000 feet of hose was purchased during the year, and seven horses. All of the fire stations have been repaired, and a modern fire station has been erected in the Sixth ward, which, including the site, cost the city \$7,000.00.

In addition to this, the new Central Fire Station now being erected, corner of Texas Avenue and San Jacinto Street, at an approximate cost of \$30,000.00, will add very materially to the efficiency of the department, and will give Houston one of the finest and most complete fire stations in the Southwest.

ELECTRICAL.

Closely allied to the Fire Department is the Electrical Department of the city, which has charge of the fire alarm system, which is placed among the assets of the city at \$21,276.20. The expense

of conducting this department was \$4,385.08, which was an excess of \$885.08 beyond the budget allowance. The revenues from the department were \$2,612.05. In his report City Electrician George makes some recommendations regarding the danger from overhead wires which are worthy of your serious consideration.

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

The report of the City Engineer is important, in showing the amount of work that has been done under his supervision during the year in the way of permanent improvements. During the year there has frequently arisen the necessity of making heavy expenditures for the improvement of streets, the construction of bridges and other urgent work. The question as to whether these improvements were to be of a temporary character, and consequently expensive by means of continuous repairs, or whether they were to be of that permanency which is least expensive in the end, was settled wherever possible in favor of good, lasting work. In the prosecution of this work there was no time nor justification to call for a bond issue to meet each contingency, and as the necessity for the work arose, it was done and paid for out of the general fund. The report of the Engineer shows that the asphalt pavement on Preston and Capitol Avenues and the brick pavement on Hardy and Fifth Streets, and the gravel pavement on German and Chartres, were completed during the year. Third Street was paved from the Milam Street bridge to the tunnel with Belgian block, and Milam Street at the south end of the bridge was also paved with Belgian block. The extension of Houston Avenue was completed, thus giving a good outlet from the city to the north. On this work one bridge was rebuilt and one newly constructed. The completion of the storm sewer on Hardy Street provides good drainage for that section of the city from Noble Street to the bayou. A new bridge built over the White Oak Bayou, known as the White Oak Bayou bridge, has recently been completed at a cost of \$2,940.76, of which the Houston Electric Company is to pay \$294.48.

During the year the office of Building Inspector was created, and the Engineer reports that the operation of the new building

ordinance has been very satisfactory, and it enables his department to inspect plans and specifications of all proposed buildings and see that they are to be constructed according to the requirements of the ordinance, as to constructive details, before the permit for their construction is granted.

The revision of the ordinance making the fees to be paid for building permits correspond with the magnitude of the work, not only affords the city a revenue which during the year amounted to something over \$1,000.00, but is regarded as just and equitable.

The amount of building improvement during the year, as shown by the Engineer's report, was \$1,329,437.00, as against \$958,858.00 in 1902, an increase of \$370,579.00.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The operation and maintenance of the Police Department during the year cost the city \$58,604.97, as against a budget allowance of \$57,000.00. There are 55 men in this department, and the total number of arrests made during the year was 4,332. The report of the Chief of Police in detailing the work of his department, shows that the total annual revenue from this department was \$13,407.15, which includes fines and costs, \$7,307.35; pound fees \$2,925.80; dog taxes, \$550.00, and money collected for officers on special detail, \$2,624.00. The amount of stolen property recovered through the work of the police is stated at \$17,194.90.

The report from the Corporation Court shows the number of cases tried during the year to be 2,319; number fined, 1,156; number dismissed, 1,163, and total fines collected, \$11,807.20.

SCAVENGER DEPARTMENT.

The net earnings of the Scavenger Department were \$1,155.21 over and above the cost of the maintenance of the department, notwithstanding the fact that on April 1st, 1903, scavenger fees were reduced 25 per cent., which has resulted in an aggregate saving to the citizens of \$2,997.00. One of the betterments of this department during the year has been the installation of a scavenger disposal plant at the sewer pumping station, constructed at a trivial expense, as compared with its resultant utility and benefit.

The disposal of garbage cost \$13,813.38, as against a budget allowance of \$12,000.00, leaving an overdraft in this department of \$1,813.38.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The cost of maintaining the Health Department was \$13,235.72. There are at present two inspectors connected with this department, whose duty it is to visit all private premises and see that they are in good sanitary condition. These inspectors are under the direction of the City Health Officer. In addition to inspectors of premises, the inspection of milk and food supplies is also under the direction of the Health Department. During the past year over 5,000 inspections of premises were made, and over 2,000 inspections of milk. Of the premises inspected over 1,500 were reported as being in an unsanitary condition and the owners required to remedy the complaint. Over 400 property owners have been induced to make sewer connections. Under the work of this department, contagious diseases have been carefully watched, involving the fumigation of 196 places where contagious diseases were reported. Particular attention has been given to the prevention of smallpox among children by a general system of free vaccination, and it was through the work of this department, aided by the Board of Health and with the co-operation of the county, that a strict system of quarantine was established and maintained during the prevalence of yellow fever in the western part of the State.

MARKET.

The Market revenues during the year were but \$8,279.25, a decrease of \$1,136.50, as compared with 1902. This is easily accounted for, as the construction of the new Market House during the year has had a disturbing influence among the stall renters on the square, besides causing all of the stands on the west side of the square to be removed on August 1st, in order to make room for the new wagon shed, and the removal of these booths alone caused a decrease in the Market revenues of over \$200.00 per month.

On the 1st of January, 1904, all of the city offices were moved

onto the upper floor of the new building, where they are now very comfortably and conveniently located. This removal of the offices saves the city the rent of \$150 per month that was being paid for the use of the Milby & Dow building. A new cement floor is now being placed in the building and a contract has been entered into for the placing of market stalls, all of which work will be completed within the next few weeks, after which the unsightly shacks along the Travis Street side of the Square will be immediately removed, and I would recommend that steps be taken at once to improve and beautify the Square in a way that will be in keeping with the handsome appearance of the building.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

The Legal Department of the city has been efficiently conducted. Of the fifty-five cases tried and disposed of, in sixteen judgments were rendered against the city, and thirty-nine in favor of the city. Of the total amount of judgments rendered against the city, \$27,-588.11, \$18,614.88 is involved in what are known as the "Police Cases," of which there were fifteen. These suits were based upon illegal discharge of policemen from the service of the city, by a previous administration, operating under a civil service rule. These suits are all on appeal. Deducting the judgments in the police cases, the total amount of all other judgments against the city is but \$8,-973.53. The Legal Department ran over \$2,500.00 under its budget allowance. This department also collected during the year, back taxes, by notice and suit, amounting in the aggregate to \$40,870.00, and \$14,400.00 unpaid insurance on the Market House, with \$6,000.00 yet in litigation.

PARK.

The Sam Houston Park is placed among the city's assets at \$80,962.00. This is a very attractive piece of ground, embracing fifteen acres and located partly in the Fourth and partly in the Sixth Wards, divided by the meanderings of the bayou, the steep grass-covered slopes on either side adding to the natural beauty and giving a picturesque appearance to the surroundings. This park, the only one owned by this city, is kept in good condition by the

Park Superintendent, at a cost amounting during the past year to \$4,915.19—while the 1903 budget appropriated \$5,720.00 for that purpose.

INSPECTORS.

The Boiler Inspector collected during the year, for the inspection of steam boilers \$565.00, and for engineers' licenses \$290.50, making a total of \$855.50.

The Plumbing and Sewer Inspector issued 189 sewer inspection permits, 408 plumbing permits and installed 1,445 plumbing fixtures. The collections in his department amounted to \$775.00.

The Building Inspector reports having issued 884 permits for permanent structures, 84 flue permits, 337 fence permits, and 947 permits for minor repairs, involving a total cost of \$1,409,228.80.

The City Veterinarian reports the live stock of the city, 86 horses and mules, to be in good condition, and he estimates their total value at \$12,345.00. The cost of providing medicines, etc., for sick and injured animals during the year was \$94.60.

Permanent Improvements.

It is not with any intention to disparage the work done by previous administrations, but solely to show what this administration has accomplished, that I desire to call your attention to some of the more important work that has been done during the year 1903.

While it would be irksome to give in detail all of the items of work done, I desire to direct particular attention to the fact that the bulk of this work has been paid for out of the general fund, after paying all the current expenses of the city, such as police, firemen, street and garbage and park expenses and the salaries of all departments, and without the necessity of issuing bonds, except to the amount of \$100,000, issued for the completion of the Market House, Central Fire Station and the betterment of schools. A large amount of the permanent street improvements and sewer work completed during the year had to be paid out of the general fund, as on January 1st, 1902, there was but a balance of \$21,189.84 left in the paving fund, and \$9,024.00 in the sewer fund.

Of this character of work, the following has been completed during the year :

Main Street	\$ 896.24
Fifth Street	3,280.89
Preston Avenue (completed)	4,039.54
German and Chartres	6,664.30
San Jacinto and McKinney	142.65
Houston Avenue Extension	5,075.42
Hardy Street	24,764.58
Third Street	667.85
General Paving	467.37
Milam Street Bridge	470.99
Hardy Street Sewer	1,740.00
Hogan Street Sewer	3.50
Franklin Avenue Sewer	757.00
Congress Avenue Sewer	481.25
Capitol Avenue Sewer	117.18
Magnolia Street Sewer	50.00
Meadow Street Opening	601.00
McKinney Avenue Opening	1,520.00
Mills and West Street Opening	2,105.50
Six streets through Suter Tract	72.00
Lot in Hopson Addition	225.00
Scavenger Disposal House	322.09
Pump at Pumping Station	135.97
Improvements at City Park (Bell Tower and Music Stand) ..	139.50
Paid Contractors on Carnegie Library	3,358.35
No. 6 Fire Engine House	6,231.59
New Central Fire Station	5,016.81
Market House and City Hall	79,256.17
Total	<u>\$148,602.74</u>

Making a total of \$148,602.74, a portion of which has been paid for out of the general revenues of the city.

Two of the most important improvements commenced and practically completed during the year have been the handsome two-story Market House and City Hall, constructed at a total cost up to date of \$99,997.29. This amount also includes the furniture thus far placed in the building, but is exclusive of the cost of the cement floor just completed and the placing of stalls, which work is now in progress. Despite the fact that there was a considerable division of public sentiment concerning the proposed cost and character of this building, many urging the construction of a building that would cost from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00. I think the result firmly establishes the wisdom of the Council in securing a building, attractive in design, substantial in construction, modern in all of its appoint-

ments and conveniences, and one which for years to come will fully meet all the requirements of the city. This building has been insured for \$75,000.00, with policies covering a period of five years.

The other important improvement to which I refer is the Central Fire Station, now nearing completion, and which will cost approximately \$30,000.00. This will be a two-story building extending 100 feet on each of the intersecting streets, built with special design as to its adaptability to the purpose for which it is intended, equipped with all of the latest improvements for the proper installation and care of the fire apparatus which it will contain, and which, when completed, will provide this city with one of the most completely arranged fire headquarters in this section.

The Bond Issue.

The \$400,000.00 in bonds authorized issued during the year, were sold at par, accrued interest and a premium of a trifle over 1 per cent. While this may be regarded as a small premium, it was the best that could be done with the bond market in the condition it was at the time, and the sale was made only after extensive negotiations with bond buyers throughout the country.

Three hundred thousand dollars of these bonds have been placed to the credit of the paving fund, and will be used in paving with gravel approximately thirty-two miles of streets in the residence portion of the city, the work being distributed among the wards according to the terms of an ordinance adopted August 31, 1903, with the streets to be paved designated by the aldermen of the respective wards.

Important Legislation.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

In my last annual message I referred to the settlement that had been affected with the Houston Electric Company, by which that company compromised its debt with the city by paying \$80,000.00 in liquidation of the debt, and \$2,500.00 as the estimated 1 per cent. upon its annual revenue guaranteed to be not less than \$2,500.00 during any one year of its franchise. I now desire to ad-

vise you that the franchise tax of 1 per cent. on the gross earnings of the company for the year 1903 amounts to \$4,135.06, which amount has been paid into the treasury.

Included in the settlement with the Houston Electric Company were provisions that the company should furnish transfer tickets on all their lines and equip their cars with vestibules, both of which provisions have been complied with during the present year, one redounding to the benefit of the public generally, the other to the comfort of those who operate the cars. While on the subject of the betterment of the street car service, brought about through the efforts of this administration, I may also call attention to the fact that the negro and white races are now separated in street cars as the result of an ordinance passed by this Council September 28th, 1903.

CITY LIGHTING.

In my last message I also directed your attention to the fact that negotiations were pending, looking to the settlement of the differences then existing between the City of Houston and the Houston Lighting and Power Company. Since then the settlement with the light company has been effected, and on March 3rd, 1903, a contract was executed between the city and the light company, under the terms of which the city received a rebate or discount of 40 per cent. of the amount then involved in suit, namely, \$44,443.80, or a saving to the city of \$17,377.50, and a further discount of 25 per cent. on the amount then due the light company on open account, which was approximately \$12,707.05, thus making a total concession to the city of \$30,084.55 on the amount then due to the light company. The city is now using 373 arc lights, which cost under the old agreement \$120.00 per light per annum, or \$44,760.00. Under the present agreement it secures this service for \$85.00 per light per year, which costs \$31,705.00, a further saving to the city of \$13,055.00 per annum on the price of lights, and when the number of lights exceed 400, the cost per light will be reduced to \$80.00 per light per annum.

TUNNELS AND SUBWAYS.

Another very important measure accomplished during the year was the entering into a contract on November 30th, 1903, with the

International & Great Northern Railroad and Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad, and the Houston Electric Company, by the terms of which these companies propose to pay the entire cost, approximately \$50,000.00, for the construction of a tunnel under the International & Great Northern Railroad and the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad tracks where they cross Preston Street, connecting with the Harrisburg Road. Of the total cost of this tunnel, the city pays nothing, the Houston Electric Company paying \$9,000.00 for a franchise through it. This I regard a very important undertaking, one that has been demanded for years, and the terms of the settlement are, in my opinion, exceedingly satisfactory to the city.

Of no less importance is another undertaking of a like character, the details of which were consummated by an ordinance passed September 14, 1903, under the terms of which the Southern Pacific Railroad Company is to construct a tunnel or subway under the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks where they cross Montgomery Avenue in the Fifth Ward, the cost of which work is estimated at \$126,000.00. The work of constructing this subway, I am advised by Manager Van Vleck, will be commenced about February 1st, 1904.

NEW CHARTER.

The new Charter of the city, as passed by the Twenty-eighth Legislature, became operative on July 1st, 1903, under the terms of which the duties of the legislative, executive and administrative branches of the government are more clearly defined. By the provisions of this Charter, the office of Controller was created, also the positions of President and Vice-President of the Council. This Charter also extended the corporate limits of the city a distance of a half a mile in each direction, thus adding seven square miles and increasing the city's corporate territory from nine to sixteen square miles.

CLEARING STREETS AND WALKS.

Two other important measures to be credited to this administration and accomplished during the year, have been the removal of hacks from Main Street, which was accomplished early in the



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ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD.
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

year, and under the provisions of what is known as the "Hack-Stand" Ordinance, passed December 15th, 1902. Under the terms of this ordinance the custom, which had become the subject of universal complaint, of using Main Street as a stand for hacks was abandoned, resulting in giving general satisfaction to the public and greatly improving the appearance of the street.

Along the same line of municipal advancement was the clearing of the sidewalks of fruit stands and other like obstructions. This was done by an ordinance passed April 25th, 1903, to become effective January 1st, 1904.

The operation of this ordinance, as was the case in the Hack-Stand Ordinance was resisted by a recourse to litigation, but the courts wisely determined that the city in its corporate capacity had jurisdiction over its streets and sidewalks and the right to protect the general public in the unobstructed use of them, as against their occupancy by individuals for private use and personal profit. Not viewing these measures from the standpoint of public policy, but from the view point of the results accomplished in the way of improving and beautifying the appearance of the thoroughfares of the city, particularly in its business section, I think the Council deserving of commendation for the adoption of these measures.

Rates on Public Utilities.

Among the last of the important measures adopted by this administration during the past year, was the passage of several ordinances fixing the rates for public utilities, such as street railway fares, gas, electric lights and telephone rates, hack and dray charges, etc. This was the result of the very efficient work of a special committee of the Council, consisting of Aldermen Thompson, Keller, Gaston, Street and Thomas. While this committee did not materially reduce the charges of public utilities, except to cut the price charged for gas from \$1.80 to \$1.50, they accomplished a great deal by placing the rates in such form by enacting them into ordinances in such a way as to prevent their being altered or changed except through the action of the Council. Another benefit accomplished is that the schedule of rates is made so clear that the public will have no difficulty in interpreting them, and will know exactly what they have to pay.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I will say that I have tried to set before you as fully as possible the more important work accomplished during the year. My information is chiefly culled from the reports of the various heads of departments, which give detailed information of the past year's business, and are worthy of a careful consideration by the Council.

The financial data included in this message is from the annual report of the Controller—a tabulation of which information I hand you with this message, that you may know the facts in detail.

During my term of office I have tried to be consistent in all matters, and have served the city to the best of my ability.

For the kind and courteous treatment extended me by the Council, I am grateful, and my desire is that the present year may be as harmonious and pleasant as the year just closed, and that the year 1904 will shine through the years to come as one of marked progress in the history of Houston.

O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

TOM BRINGHURST,

CITY CONTROLLER

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, JANUARY 10, 1904.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Houston:

In compliance with the requirements of the City Charter and Ordinance, I submit herewith my annual report for the fiscal year, ended December 31, 1903:

This report consists of the following Exhibits and Schedules:

EXHIBIT—

“A”—Comparative General Balance Sheet—Dec. 31, 1903 and 1902.
Schedule—

- No. 1. Bills for Collection.
- No. 2. Property and Improvements.
- No. 3. Warrants Outstanding.
- No. 4. Audited Vouchers.
- No. 5. Bills Payable.
- No. 6. Special Deposits.
- No. 7. Miscellaneous Current Liabilities.
- No. 8. Bonded Debt.

“B”—Revenue and Expense for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1903.
Schedule—

- No. 1. Revenue—Classified.
- No. 2. Expense—Classified—and Unexpended Appropriations.

“C”—Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1903.

Property and Improvements.

The amount of the property and improvements, as shown in Exhibit “A” and in Schedule No. 2 thereof, \$3,951,564.80, is \$9,835.26 less than the actual amount of these assets. This amount of \$9,835.26, the details of which appear in Exhibit “B,” Schedule No. 2, under the head of Extraordinary Expense, represents the amount of permanent improvements made during the year by the various departments out of their appropriations, and which for convenience in preparing this report, was not closed into the Property and Improvements Account until January 1, 1904.

Liabilities.

During the year the current and deferred liabilities were reduced \$42,541.46; the contingent liabilities, \$79,060.90 and the certificates of indebtedness (Storrie), \$15,983.33, making a total decrease in the floating debt of the city \$137,585.69; and this in the face of the fact that the total tax collections during the year were only \$521,730.86, against \$726,264.10 collected during the year 1902—a difference in favor of the year 1902 of \$204,533.24, an amount more than sufficient to extinguish our present current liabilities of \$182,946.39.

The bonded debt of the city was increased during the year, \$300,000.00. Of this amount \$200,000.00 represents the amount of bonds sold during the year of the authorized issue of \$300,000.00 for the purpose of paving streets in the city, and \$100,000.00 represents the amount of the authorized issue of bonds for the purpose of erecting a Central Fire Station, completing the Market House, and building, improving and making permanent additions to school buildings.

Revenue and Expense.

In Exhibit "B" and the schedules in support thereof, appear the details of the revenue and expense of the city for the year. Although the expense for the year was \$19,893.41 in excess of the amounts appropriated, it was \$91,838.46 less than the revenue for the year, as shown by the following:

Revenue	\$787,586.87
Expense	695,748.41
Excess of Revenue over Expense..	<u>\$91,838.46</u>

Appropriations.

The original appropriations for the expenses of the city, for the year 1903, as passed by the City Council February 2, 1903, amounted to \$620,170.00; on August 24, 1903, \$10,000.00 additional was appropriated for the Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Library, and on September 8, 1903, \$420.00 additional was appropriated for the Board of Appraisement, making a total amount appropriated by the City Council \$630,590.00. To this amount has been added

the amount appropriated by the State of Texas for school purposes, amounting to \$45,265.00, making a total appropriation of \$675,855.00.

General.

This is the first annual report of the financial operations of the city under the system of accounting installed by the Certified Public Accountants, Messrs. Haskins & Sells, under your wise employment and sanction by ordinance.

A careful examination of the exhibits and supporting schedules included in this report will, I think, produce the conviction that the utmost ramification of detail, responsive to any inquiry concerning the financial operation of the city departments, is set forth, and that it is the first comprehensive financial report gotten out by the city.

The value of the services of Haskins & Sells will be more apparent in coming years, as the classification of the accounts of the city, prepared by them, will permit of comparisons being instituted, not only annually, but monthly, that will guide the eye of the administration at a glance to detect any anomaly in the expenditures of any department of the city for any particular class of supplies or labor used in that department, and as well to draw attention to any falling off in the revenues, for both expenses and revenues should be carefully and constantly scrutinized, as well in municipal as in any commercial establishment to reach the best results and give the best satisfaction to the people.

The cities of this country are gradually adopting a uniform system of accounting along the lines of the system we are now operating under, and, as time advances, the taxpayers will be enabled to not only make comparisons of the revenues and expenses for any period with those of past years, but also with those of other cities.

Some of the essential features of our present system of accounting are as follows:

1. Uniformity in accounting methods throughout all departments.
2. Concentration of the accounting in a central office.
3. In so far as practicable, the collection of all revenue of the city by the City Assessor and Collector.

4. Daily reports to the City Controller by all departments collecting or earning revenue, showing the details of such revenue. From these reports, the City Controller charges the departments reporting, and these charges remain on the books until the cash is received by the City Assessor and Collector.

5. The issuance of all fiscal stationery, forms and receipts, consecutively numbered, by the City Controller, and holding the departments responsible for their use or cancellation.

6. The use of graduated stubs or carbon copies of receipts to check the collection of money.

7. The establishment of a complete chain of accounting from the inception of the revenue or expense, throughout the various departments of the city, to the City Controller's office, where all accounting is finally summarized.

8. The preparation of a report by the City Controller, at the close of each month, showing the true financial condition of the city, on the last day of the month, properly classified, together with comparisons with the city's financial condition on the last day of the preceding month and with that on the first day of the fiscal year.

This report also contains a classified statement of the city's revenue and expenses for the current month and for the period from January 1st, to the close of the current month, together with comparisons with the same periods in the preceding year.

From this report the officials of the city, or any others interested, can be in a position to know what obligations of the city must be met, what assets the city has in cash and current accounts receivable, to meet them. Whether the departments are keeping within their budget allowance; whether the expenses of the departments are increasing, and just what causes the increases, if any, and whether the revenues of the departments are decreasing and the cause of such decreases.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) TOM BRINGHURST,
City Controller.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Comparative General Balance Sheet, December 31, 1903 and 1902.

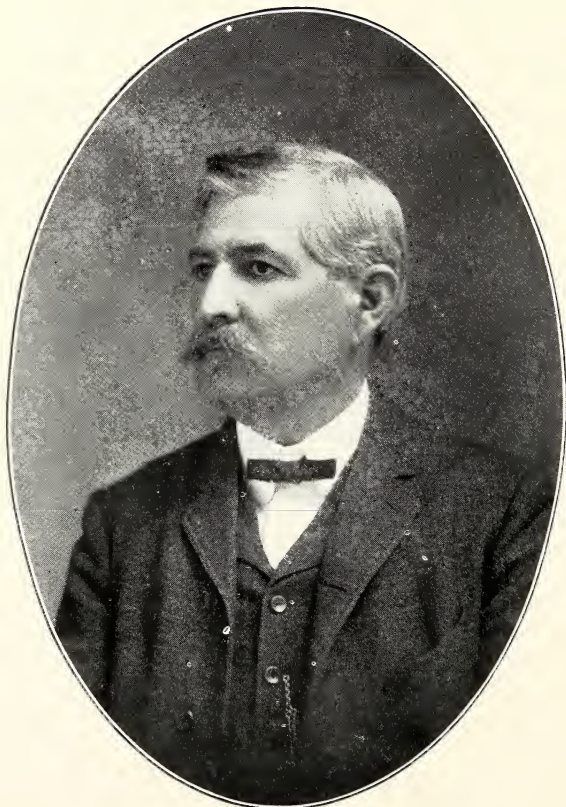
ASSETS.

AVAILABLE:	December 31, 1903.	December 31, 1902.	Increase or Decrease.
<i>Cash—</i>			
In hands of City Treasurer:			
General fund.....	\$ 6,415.37	\$ 27,310.06	*\$ 20,894.69
Paving fund.....	178,758.03	21,189.84	157,568.19
Sewer fund.....	26.00	9,024.00	* 8,998.00
Market House fund.....	53,822.40	11,975.86	41,846.54
Fire Engine House fund.....	27,098.25	3,770.00	23,328.25
School fund.....	723.96	.....	723.96
Special deposits.....	467.50	.....	467.50
TOTAL CASH IN HANDS OF CITY TREASURER.....	\$ 267,311.51	\$ 73,269.76	\$194,041.75
In other hands:			
Board of Liquidation.....	\$ 9,323.78	\$ 60,479.97	*\$ 51,156.19
City Assessor and Collector....	68,057.24	110,437.47	* 42,380.23
Police department.....	18.50	116.60	* 98.10
City Scavenger department....	65.25	.....	65.25
City Sealer.....	.....	2.00	* 2.00
Electrical department.....	4.50	.....	4.50
TOTAL.....	\$ 77,469.27	\$ 171,036.04	*\$ 93,566.77
Working funds:			
City Treasurer.....	\$ 400.00	.....	\$ 400.00
City Attorney.....	25.00	.....	25.00
City Assessor and Collector...	250.00	.....	250.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 675.00	.....	\$ 675.00
TOTAL CASH IN OTHER HANDS.	\$ 78,144.27	\$ 171,036.04	*\$ 92,891.77
TOTAL CASH.....	\$ 345,455.78	\$ 244,305.80	\$101,149.98
<i>Accounts Receivable—</i>			
Taxes in the hands of City Assess- or and Collector for collection..	\$ 673,380.24	\$ 532,471.26	\$140,908.98
Other items in hands of City As- sessor and Coll'r for collection..	175.00	.....	175.00
Bills for collection—Sched. No. 1.	2,954.67	8,286.80	* 5,332.13
City Scavenger department.....	2,795.60	3,230.90	* 435.30
Houston Electric Company.....	4,135.06	82,540.00	* 78,404.94
Market House insurance.....	6,000.00	26,000.00	* 20,000.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE..	\$ 689,440.57	\$ 652,528.96	\$ 36,911.61
TOTAL AVAILABLE ASSETS.....	\$1,034,896.35	\$ 896,834.76	\$138,061.59
CONTINGENT:			
John S. Stewart.....	\$ 4,039.37	\$ 4,039.37	.....
Shortages and discrepancies.....	24,124.01	26,050.31	*\$ 1,926.30
TOTAL CONTINGENT ASSETS....	\$ 28,163.38	\$ 30,089.68	*\$ 1,926.30
NOT AVAILABLE:			
Property and Improvements—			
Schedule No. 2.....	\$3,951,564.80	\$3,820,947.32	\$130,617.48
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$5,014,624.53	\$4,747,871.76	\$266,752.77

*Decrease.

Exhibit "A."

(Continued)—1.



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VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Comparative General Balance Sheet—Continued.

LIABILITIES.

	December 31, 1903.	December 31, 1902.	Increase or Decrease.
CURRENT:			
Warrants outstanding--Sched. No. 3..\$	6,557.03	\$ 89,186.85	*\$ 82,629.82
Audited vouchers—Schedule No. 4..	13,387.75	.....	13,387.75
Bills payable—Schedule No. 5.....	135,072.35	77,514.12	57,558.23
Interest accrued on bonded debt....	15,488.93	71,455.00	* 55,966.07
Special deposits—Schedule No. 6...	447.50	.....	447.50
Miscellaneous—Schedule No. 7.....	11,992.83	22,076.48	* 10,083.65
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....\$	182,946.39	\$ 260,232.45	*\$ 77,286.06
DEFERRED:			
Bills payable—Schedule No. 5.....\$	50,425.19	\$ 18,201.85	\$ 32,223.34
Miscellaneous interest accrued.....	2,521.26	.....	2,521.26
TOTAL DEFERRED LIABILITIES.....\$	52,946.45	\$ 18,201.85	\$ 34,744.60
TOTAL CURRENT AND DEFERRED LIABILITIES.....\$	235,892.84	\$ 278,434.30	*\$ 42,541.46
CONTINGENT:			
Houston Water Company.....\$	62,701.40	\$ 50,925.40	\$ 11,776.00
Houston Lighting and Power Co... ..	.....	86,934.65	* 86,934.65
Refund pavement certificates.....	408,239.70	412,141.95	* 3,902.25
TOTAL CONTINGENT LIABILITIES....\$	470,941.10	\$ 550,002.00	*\$ 79,060.90
BONDED DEBT.....\$	3,299,000.00	\$2,999,000.00	\$300,000.00
CERTIFICATES OF IND'B'NESS (Storrie)†.\$	103,500.00	\$ 106,983.33	*\$ 3,483.33
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES...\$	905,290.59	\$ 813,452.13	\$ 91,838.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$	\$5,014,624.53	\$4,747,871.76	\$266,752.77

*Decrease.

†The actual amount of certificates of indebtedness paid during the year was \$15,983.33; the difference of \$12,500.00 represents those paid out of this year's appropriation and charged to extraordinary expense, and which for convenience in making this report were not closed into this account until January 1, 1904.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Bills for Collection, December 31, 1903.

2.	Jan.	1, 1903	Harris County.....	\$ 82.00
3.	Jan.	1, 1903	Southwestern Tel. and Tel. Co.....	3.00
5.	Jan.	1, 1903	B. A. Riesner.....	9.38
31.	April	17, 1903	Harris County.....	829.25
68.	Aug.	31, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	24.05
69.	Aug.	31, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	25.77
70.	Aug.	31, 1903	Texas & New Orleans Railway.....	7.50
78.	Sept.	30, 1903	W. E. Carter.....	25.00
84.	Sept.	30, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	28.33
93.	Nov.	30, 1903	Consumers' Gas and Fuel Company.....	1,400.00
95.	Nov.	30, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	281.25
96.	Nov.	30, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	59.18
99.	Nov.	30, 1903	S. J. Beene.....	12.00
103.	Dec.	31, 1903	Citizens' Telephone Company.....	.50
104.	Dec.	31, 1903	Houston Lighting and Power Company..	21.00
105.	Dec.	31, 1903	Houston Lighting and Power Company..	48.75
106.	Dec.	31, 1903	Wheeler Business College.....	35.00
107.	Dec.	31, 1903	Weems & Bering.....	7.40
108.	Dec.	31, 1903	Houston Electric Company.....	28.33
109.	Dec.	31, 1903	S. J. Beene.....	12.50
110.	Dec.	31, 1903	A. T. Lucas.....	14.48
TOTAL.....				<u>\$2,954.67</u>

CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Property and Improvements, December 31, 1903 and 1902.

	December 31, 1903.	December 31, 1902.	Increase or Decrease.
City Hall and Market House..	\$ 604,202.17	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 79,202.17
Police department:			
City Jail.....	\$ 52,099.00	\$ 52,099.00	.....
Fire department:			
New Central Fire Station..	\$ 16,002.32	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,002.32
Old Central Fire Station..	23,078.75	23,078.75	.....
Fire Station No. 1.....	7,648.50	15,798.50	* 8,150.00
Fire Station No. 5.....	13,528.50	13,528.50	.....
Fire Station No. 6.....	10,481.13	5,478.86	5,002.27
Fire Station No. 7.....	13,170.50	13,170.50	.....
Fire Station No. 8.....	14,425.00	14,425.00	.....
Fire Station No. 9.....	10,768.50	10,768.50	.....
Fire Station No. 10.....	15,124.00	15,124.00	.....
TOTAL.....	\$ 124,227.20	\$ 122,372.61	\$ 1,854.59
Health department:			
Crematory	\$ 17,168.00	\$ 17,168.00	.....
Smallpox camp.....	375.00	375.00	.....
TOTAL.....	\$ 17,543.00	\$ 17,543.00	.....
Scavenger department.....	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	.....
Electrical department:			
Fire alarm telegraph.....	\$ 13,017.20	\$ 13,017.20	.....
Streets and Bridges dep't...\$	4,682.90	\$ 4,682.90	.....
City stables.....	\$ 2,686.43	\$ 2,686.43	.....
Garbage department.....	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,360.00	.....
Sanitary sewer system:			
Pumping station.....	\$ 70,418.23	\$ 70,418.23	.....
Filter beds.....	111,761.76	111,761.76	.....
Intercepting sewers.....	137,053.98	137,053.98	.....
TOTAL.....	\$ 319,233.97	\$ 319,233.97	.....
Schools:			
High School (white).....	\$ 160,500.00	\$ 160,500.00	.....
Rusk School (white).....	25,400.00	25,400.00	.....
Longfellow School (white)	17,500.00	17,500.00	.....
Fannin School (white)....	67,500.00	67,500.00	.....
Taylor School (white)....	16,500.00	16,500.00	.....
Dow School (white).....	20,583.00	20,583.00	.....
Hawthorne School (white)	29,700.00	29,700.00	.....
Cascara School (white)...	39,800.00	39,800.00	.....
Jones School (white).....	34,926.00	34,926.00	.....
Austin School (white)....	23,800.00	23,800.00	.....
High School (colored)....	32,450.00	32,450.00	.....
First W'd School (colored)	3,800.00	3,800.00	.....
Langston School (colored)	10,580.00	10,580.00	.....
Douglass School (colored)	11,500.00	11,500.00	.....
Fifth W'd School (colored)	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Sixth W'd School (colored)	3,700.00	3,700.00	.....
Fourth W'd Sch'l (colored)	11,690.00	11,690.00	.....
TOTAL.....	\$ 514,929.00	\$ 514,929.00	.....
FORWARD.....	\$1,659,380.87	\$1,578,324.11	\$ 81,056.76

*Decrease.

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 2. (Continued)—1.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Property and Improvements, Etc.—Continued.

	December 31, 1903.	December 31, 1902.	Increase or Decrease.
FORWARD.....	\$1,659,380.87	\$1,578,324.11	\$ 81,056.76
Sam Houston Park.....	\$ 35,250.00	35,250.00	.....
Bridges	\$ 61,850.00	\$ 61,850.00	.....
Streets (subsequent to Jan. 1, 1899):			
Opening and widening....	\$ 16,493.21	\$ 16,493.21	.....
Paving	446,523.90	400,054.07	\$ 46,469.83
TOTAL.....	\$ 463,017.11	\$ 416,547.28	\$ 46,469.83
Sewers (subsequent to Jan. 1, 1899).....	\$ 72,220.66	\$ 69,129.77	\$ 3,090.89
TOTAL.....	\$2,291,718.64	\$2,161,101.16	\$130,617.48
Undistributed—prior to Jan. 1, 1899.....	\$1,659,846.16	\$1,659,846.16	.....
TOTAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.....	\$3,951,564.80	\$3,820,947.32	\$130,617.48

CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Warrants Outstanding, December 31, 1903.

OLD SERIES.

1187.	Oct. 10, 1900	E. T. Heiner, Est.....	\$ 66.00
1392.	Feb. 28, 1902	Mrs. L. Guy.....	21.20
1393.	Feb. 28, 1902	Mrs. L. Guy.....	25.00
1400.	Mar. 5, 1902	E. B. Parker, for A. Faulkner.....	12.00
16027.	Dec. 27, 1901	T. Pillot.....	1.65
16176.	Jan. 25, 1902	White Line Moving & Storage Co....	2.00
16232.	Feb. 24, 1902	A. Chimene & Co.....	6.25
16287.	Feb. 26, 1902	T. Pillot.....	11.25
16327.	Mar. 22, 1902	Jules Hirsch.....	200.00
16328.	Mar. 22, 1902	Jules Hirsch.....	200.00
16329.	Mar. 22, 1902	Jules Hirsch.....	160.17
16330.	Mar. 22, 1902	Jules Hirsch.....	155.95
16331.	Mar. 22, 1902	Jules Hirsch.....	155.96
16336.	Mar. 28, 1902	Houston Co-Operative Mfg. Co.....	70.00
16381.	Apr. 9, 1902	A. Chimene & Co.....	28.00
16419.	Apr. 12, 1902	A. Chimene & Co.....	2.50
16483.	Apr. 25, 1902	Hal. P. Noland.....	22.90
17219.	Oct. 3, 1902	H. H. Dooley.....	505.69
17224.	Oct. 4, 1902	Arthur C. Burton.....	514.90
17241.	Oct. 4, 1902	N. Randolph & Son.....	.15
17290.	Oct. 13, 1902	Wright & Coombs.....	2.25
17344.	Oct. 17, 1902	F. F. Chew.....	100.00
17470.	Nov. 14, 1902	T. E. Smith Drug Store.....	.75
17690.	Dec. 15, 1902	N. Randolph & Son.....	6.00
17792.	Dec. 31, 1902	Houston Drug Co.....	5.60

TOTAL OLD SERIES.....\$ 2,276.17

NEW SERIES.

40.	Feb. 23, 1903	Houston Plumbing and Mfg. Co.....	\$ 1.50
43.	Feb. 23, 1903	Dickson Car Wheel Co.....	9.85
85.	Feb. 23, 1903	L. E. Miller.....	3.00
197.	Mar. 24, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	23.75
209.	Mar. 24, 1903	Otto Erichson.....	2.50

FORWARD.....\$ 40.60

TOTAL OLD SERIES FORWARD.....\$ 2,276.17

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Warrants Outstanding—Continued.

TOTAL OLD SERIES FORWARD.....			\$ 2,276.17
NEW SERIES FORWARD.....			\$ 40.60
287.	Apr. 16, 1903	Dickson Car Wheel Co.....	5.75
313.	Apr. 16, 1903	L. E. Miller.....	10.00
340.	Apr. 16, 1903	J. W. Thiel.....	2.00
342.	Apr. 16, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	21.95
452.	Mar. 12, 1903	Henke & Pillot.....	21.00
458.	May 12, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	3.70
563.	June 8, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	1.55
572.	June 8, 1903	Hipp & Key.....	29.60
657.	Aug. 24, 1903	J. F. Emery.....	10.00
707.	Sept. 14, 1903	Henke & Pillot.....	19.05
709.	Sept. 14, 1903	Hipp & Key.....	77.01
773.	Sept. 14, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	.65
779.	Sept. 14, 1903	L. E. Miller.....	2.00
847.	Oct. 15, 1903	Henke & Pillot.....	8.55
867.	Oct. 15, 1903	C. H. Hoencke.....	10.00
899.	Oct. 15, 1903	F. E. Koehler.....	3.72
905.	Oct. 15, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	1.40
1013.	Dec. 23, 1903	Dickson Car Wheel Co.....	31.00
1020.	Dec. 23, 1903	James Bute.....	32.50
1022.	Dec. 23, 1903	H. D. Taylor & Son.....	9.10
1024.	Dec. 23, 1903	Dickson Car Wheel Co.....	49.50
1030.	Dec. 23, 1903	Southwestern Oil Co.....	92.21
1039.	Dec. 23, 1903	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply...	6.00
1047.	Dec. 23, 1903	Grafton Waples.....	.95
1053.	Dec. 23, 1903	C. H. Hoencke.....	23.75
1056.	Dec. 23, 1903	Henke & Pillot.....	6.70
1083.	Dec. 23, 1903	First Ward Drug Store.....	.35
1088.	Dec. 23, 1903	Purdy Bros.....	.65
1092.	Dec. 23, 1903	Hotel Brazos.....	17.90
1101.	Dec. 24, 1903	First National Bank.....	31.95
1120.	Dec. 31, 1903	A. A. Szabo, Treas., Acct. Pay Rolls..	50.00
1121.	Dec. 31, 1903	A. A. Szabo, Treas., Acct. Pay Rolls..	227.50
1122.	Dec. 31, 1903	A. A. Szabo, Treas., Acct. Pay Rolls..	3,432.27
TOTAL NEW SERIES.....			\$ 4,280.86
TOTAL WARRANTS OUTSTANDING.....			\$ 6,557.03

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521.	April 6, 1903	Houston Drug Co.....	\$ 5.60
2180.	Nov. 30, 1903	W. E. Carter.....	3.00
2395.	Dec. 31, 1903	Market House Pay Roll.....	35.00
2396.	Dec. 31, 1903	Fire Engine House Pay Roll.....	30.00
2397.	Dec. 31, 1903	Fire Department Pay Roll.....	2,685.73
2398.	Dec. 31, 1903	Police Department Pay Roll.....	2,515.10
2399.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co.....	.95
2400.	Dec. 31, 1903	The Engineering Record.....	28.40
2412.	Dec. 31, 1903	Legal Department Pay Roll.....	261.66
2413.	Dec. 31, 1903	Scavenger Department Pay Roll.....	192.50
2414.	Dec. 31, 1903	New Fire Engine House.....	100.00
2415.	Dec. 31, 1903	C. H. Hoencke.....	45.30
2416.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. H. Stewart.....	15.00
2417.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co.....	3.00
2418.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	3.50
2419.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. W. Heitmann Company.....	6.82
2420.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Printing Co.....	26.84
2421.	Dec. 31, 1903	Dallas Morning News.....	25.65
2422.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Printing Co.....	25.80
2423.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. W. Heitmann Company.....	2.80
2424.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. W. Heitmann Company.....	.30
2425.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. W. Heitmann Company.....	.63
2426.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Cornice Works.....	8.00
2427.	Dec. 31, 1903	Barden Elec. and Mach'y Co.....	3.50
2428.	Dec. 31, 1903	C. R. Cummings Lumber Co.....	2.15
2429.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. H. Coyle & Co.....	8.90
2430.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	6.75
2431.	Dec. 31, 1903	Keithly-Hodge & Co.....	2.00
2432.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Chronicle.....	15.68
2433.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Printing Co.....	1.00
2434.	Dec. 31, 1903	J. N. McIver.....	28.00
2435.	Dec. 31, 1903	James A. Carbary.....	46.25
2436.	Dec. 31, 1903	J. H. Swope.....	4.50
2437.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. H. Coyle & Co.....	210.75
2438.	Dec. 31, 1903	Richard Cocke & Co.....	17.75
2439.	Dec. 31, 1903	Richard Cocke & Co.....	10.00
2440.	Dec. 31, 1903	Collins Bros.....	3.50
2441.	Dec. 31, 1903	Pat Owens.....	2.50
2442.	Dec. 31, 1903	Milby & Dow.....	300.00
2443.	Dec. 31, 1903	Wilson's Hack Line.....	2.00
2444.	Dec. 31, 1903	Daily Financial News.....	22.40
2445.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Lighting and Power Co.....	129.90
2446.	Dec. 31, 1903	Burgheim's Pharmacy.....	7.60
2447.	Dec. 31, 1903	South Texas Grain Co.....	6.60
2448.	Dec. 31, 1903	South Texas Grain Co.....	244.17
2449.	Dec. 31, 1903	Lilienthal Bros.....	191.33
2450.	Dec. 31, 1903	Gus W. Tips.....	5.50

FORWARD.....\$ 7,294.31

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 4. (Continued)—1.

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Audited Vouchers—Continued.

		FORWARD.....	\$ 7,294.31
2451.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. W. Heitmann Company.....	7.00
2452.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. H. Stewart.....	1.25
2453.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	1.25
2454.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co.....	8.40
2455.	Dec. 31, 1903	E. F. Schmidt.....	.50
2456.	Dec. 31, 1903	Hurlburt-Still Elect. Co.....	4.20
2457.	Dec. 31, 1903	Southwestern Oil Co.....	.90
2458.	Dec. 31, 1903	Wm. Heyde.....	1.00
2459.	Dec. 31, 1903	Texas and Louisiana Lumber Co.....	121.15
2460.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. T. Weeden.....	10.00
2461.	Dec. 31, 1903	Lone Star Market.....	9.30
2462.	Dec. 31, 1903	John Clay.....	25.14
2463.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Lighting and Power Co.....	9.90
2464.	Dec. 31, 1903	Garbage Department Pay Roll.....	178.50
2465.	Dec. 31, 1903	Street & Bridge Department Pay Roll..	129.75
2466.	Dec. 31, 1903	Street & Bridge Department Pay Roll..	279.56
2467.	Dec. 31, 1903	Scavenger Department Pay Roll.....	120.51
2468.	Dec. 31, 1903	Sewer Department Pay Roll.....	99.76
2469.	Dec. 31, 1903	Park Pay Roll.....	51.37
2470.	Dec. 31, 1903	Health Department Pay Roll.....	14.00
2471.	Dec. 31, 1903	St. Joseph's Infirmary.....	184.20
2472.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply Co..	1.00
2473.	Dec. 31, 1903	G. A. Stowers Furniture Co.....	11.25
2474.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. H. Coyle & Co.....	16.65
2475.	Dec. 31, 1903	Robt. L. Jones.....	46.35
2476.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. B. Washam.....	21.85
2477.	Dec. 31, 1903	Crescent Drug Store.....	21.65
2478.	Dec. 31, 1903	A. E. Kiesling.....	22.75
2479.	Dec. 31, 1903	Cascara Pharmacy.....	3.55
2480.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. L. Stacy Pharmacy.....	1.15
2481.	Dec. 31, 1903	Capitol Pharmacy.....	33.10
2482.	Dec. 31, 1903	E. F. Schmidt.....	33.45
2483.	Dec. 31, 1903	Lewyn & Anderson.....	86.35
2484.	Dec. 31, 1902	Houston Lighting and Power Co.....	39.74
2485.	Dec. 31, 1903	S. F. Hayward & Co.....	21.00
2486.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	57.25
2487.	Dec. 31, 1903	A. E. Kiesling.....	8.55
2488.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. H. Stewart.....	24.00
2489.	Dec. 31, 1903	J. J. Pastoriza Printing & Litho. Co....	2.50
2490.	Dec. 31, 1903	A. Stelzig.....	2.00
2491.	Dec. 31, 1903	Dickson Car Wheel Co.....	35.00
2492.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Gas Co.....	20.00
2493.	Dec. 31, 1903	Southwestern Oil Co.....	9.55
2494.	Dec. 31, 1903	G. A. Stowers Furniture Co.....	2.50
2495.	Dec. 31, 1903	Gus W. Tips.....	21.00

FORWARD.....\$ 9,094.14

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Audited Vouchers—Continued.

FORWARD.....			\$ 9,094.14
2496.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. W. Heitmann Company.....	2.93
2497.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co.....	27.30
2498.	Dec. 31, 1903	Lilienthal Bros.....	316.93
2499.	Dec. 31, 1903	Theo. Bering, Agt.....	200.00
2500.	Dec. 31, 1903	Richard Cocke & Co.....	119.25
2501.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co.....	9.25
2502.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. H. Stewart.....	1.25
2503.	Dec. 31, 1903	H. P. McLaughlin & Co.....	2.75
2504.	Dec. 31, 1903	Richard Cocke & Co.....	7.50
2505.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering Cortes Hardware Co.....	6.05
2506.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Water Co.....	31.60
2507.	Dec. 31, 1903	T. Pillot.....	2.50
2508.	Dec. 31, 1903	Southwestern Oil Co.....	1.75
2509.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. Crumb.....	.75
2510.	Dec. 31, 1903	P. Whitty.....	5.00
2511.	Dec. 31, 1903	The Cargill Co.....	57.00
2512.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Toilet and Towel Supply.....	.50
2513.	Dec. 31, 1903	H. Waddell.....	25.00
2514.	Dec. 31, 1903	W. H. Coyle & Co.....	13.00
2515.	Dec. 31, 1903	Bering-Cortes Hardware Co.....	15.60
2516.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	28.00
2517.	Dec. 31, 1903	F. H. Stewart.....	13.75
2518.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	26.60
2519.	Dec. 31, 1903	John Roessler.....	154.37
2520.	Dec. 31, 1903	South Texas Grain Co.....	15.10
2521.	Dec. 31, 1903	South Texas Grain Co.....	16.45
2522.	Dec. 31, 1903	Lilienthal Bros.....	2.00
2523.	Dec. 31, 1903	Mosehart & Keller Co.....	2.50
2524.	Dec. 31, 1903	Southwestern Oil Co.....	.87
2525.	Dec. 31, 1903	Keithly, Hodge & Co.....	4.65
2526.	Dec. 31, 1903	Richard Cocke & Co.....	39.00
2527.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Chronicle.....	4.05
2528.	Dec. 31, 1903	C. G. Byrne.....	75.00
2529.	Dec. 31, 1903	Ed. H. Harrell Lumber Co.....	2.65
2530.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Chronicle.....	29.16
2531.	Dec. 31, 1903	C. L. & Theo. Bering.....	7.00
2532.	Dec. 31, 1903	Hurlburt-Still Elect. Co.....	5.20
2533.	Dec. 31, 1903	Hurlburt-Still Elect. Co.....	19.55
2534.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Infirmary and Sanitarium....	45.00
2535.	Dec. 31, 1903	The Mosler Safe Co.....	18.75
2536.	Dec. 31, 1903	C. L. & Theo. Bering.....	4.00
2537.	Dec. 31, 1903	Childress & Taylor.....	234.25
2538.	Dec. 31, 1903	Torrey & Co.....	170.75
2539.	Dec. 31, 1903	Houston Lighting and Power Co.....	2,529.05
TOTAL.....			<u>\$13,387.75</u>

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Bills Payable, December 31, 1903.

DATE DUE.	CURRENT—	IN FAVOR OF.	FOR	RATE.	AMOUNT.
Nov. 1, 1903	Frank Sawyer	.....	Central Fire Station site...	7%	\$ 3,000.00
Nov. 1, 1903	Frank Sawyer	.....	Central Fire Station site...	7%	1,500.00
Nov. 1, 1903	Frank Sawyer	.....	Central Fire Station site...	7%	1,500.00
Dec. 15, 1901	Otto E. Witte	.....	Land, City Park.....	7%	4,225.00
July 5, 1901	J. W. Sam	.....	.....	8%	1,575.00
Nov. 7, 1903	La France Fire Engine Company	.....	Apparatus	6%	2,900.00
Nov. 4, 1903	American Fire Engine Company	.....	Apparatus	6%	1,416.66
July 2, 1902	F. W. Heitmann Company	.....	Machinery, Pumping Station	6%	500.00
July 2, 1902	F. W. Heitmann Company	.....	Machinery, Pumping Station	6%	500.00
July 2, 1902	F. W. Heitmann Company	.....	Machinery, Pumping Station	6%	534.72
Dec. 12, 1903	Robt. Bensberg	.....	Fire hose.....	5%	1,000.00
Dec. 17, 1903	Garrison Paving Brick Company	.....	Brick	5%	180.00
Dec. 26, 1903	Jas. B. & Chas. Stubbs	.....	Attorney fees.....	5%	250.00
Dec. 30, 1903	John Stadtler	.....	Building City Stable.....	5%	408.50
Dec. 31, 1903	Lilienthal Bros.	.....	Old city warrants.....	5%	160.86
Dec. 31, 1903	Gutta Percha Rubber Company	.....	Fire hose.....	5%	1,871.72
Nov. 7, 1903	La France Fire Engine Company	.....	Apparatus	6%	966.66
Dec. 10, 1903	Bonner & Cockrell	.....	Old city warrants.....	6%	499.27
Jan. 10, 1904	Otto & E. Witte	.....	Land, City Park.....	7%	4,225.00
Jan. 10, 1904	W. W. Meyers	.....	Land, Crematory.....	6%	2,668.00
Nov. 7, 1904	La France Fire Engine Company	.....	Apparatus	6%	2,900.00
Nov. 4, 1904	American Fire Engine Company	.....	Apparatus	6%	1,416.66
Dec. 12, 1904	Robt. Bensberg	.....	Fire hose.....	5%	1,000.00
Dec. 17, 1904	Garrison Paving Brick Company	Brick	5%	180.00

FORWARD.

\$ 35,378.05

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Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 5.

Bills Payable—Continued.

DATE DUE.	IN FAVOR OF.	FOR	RATE.	AMOUNT.
	CURRENT (<i>Forward</i>)			
Dec. 26, 1904	Jas. B. & Chas. Stubbs	Attorney fees	5%	\$ 35,378.05
Dec. 30, 1904	John Stadler	Building City Stable	5%	250.00
Dec. 31, 1904	Lilienthal Bros.	Old city warrants	5%	408.50
Dec. 31, 1904	Gutta Percha and Rubber Company	Fire hose	5%	160.86
Jan. 3, 1904	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company	Fire alarm apparatus	5%	1,871.72
Jan. 3, 1904	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company	Fire alarm apparatus	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1904	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company	Fire alarm apparatus	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1904	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company	Fire alarm apparatus	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1904	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company	Fire alarm apparatus	5%	208.34
Jan. 23, 1904	Ed. H. Harrell Lumber Company	Old city warrants	5%	381.37
Mar. 3, 1904	Houston Lighting and Power Company	Street lighting	6%	21,378.80
Mar. 13, 1904	Commercial National Bank	Old city warrants	5%	383.36
April 1, 1904	American Fire Engine Company	Fire apparatus	6%	697.22
Nov. 7, 1904	La France Fire Engine Company	Fire apparatus	6%	966.67
April 30, 1904	H. C. Still	Personal injuries	6%	137.33
Jan. 11, 1904	South Texas National Bank	Current expenses	6%	10,000.00
Jan. 13, 1904	South Texas National Bank	Current expenses	6%	5,000.00
Jan. 19, 1904	South Texas National Bank	Current expenses	6%	14,000.00
Jan. 18, 1904	Planters and Mechanics National Bank	Current expenses	6%	6,000.00
Jan. 19, 1904	South Texas National Bank	Current expenses	6%	6,000.00
Jan. 3, 1904	South Texas National Bank	Current expenses	6%	25,000.00
Oct. 21, 1904	Standard School Furniture Company	School furniture	5%	2,517.76
April 24, 1904	C. H. Myers & Co.	School furniture	5%	1,383.93
Oct. 24, 1904	C. H. Myers & Co.	School furniture	5%	1,383.93
June 24, 1904	Borden & Antill	Judgment	6%	469.76
June 24, 1904	Borden & Antill	Judgment	6%	469.76
TOTAL CURRENT (<i>Forward</i>)				\$135,072.35

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CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Bills Payable—Continued.

DATE DUE.	IN FAVOR OF.	FOR	RATE.	AMOUNT.
	TOTAL CURRENT (<i>Forward</i>)			\$135,072.35
	DEFERRED:			
Dec. 12, 1905	Robt. Bensberg.....	Fire hose.....	5%	\$ 680.00
Dec. 30, 1905	John Stadler.....	Building City Stable.....	5%	408.50
Dec. 31, 1905	Lillenthal Bros.....	Old city warrants.....	5%	160.88
Dec. 31, 1905	Gutta Percha and Rubber Company.....	Fire hose.....	5%	1,871.73
Jan. 3, 1905	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1905	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1905	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1905	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1905	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1906	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1906	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 3, 1906	Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company.....	Fire alarm apparatus.....	5%	208.33
Jan. 23, 1905	Ed. H. Harrell Lumber Company.....	Old city warrants.....	5%	381.38
Mar. 3, 1905	Houston Lighting and Power Company.....	Street lighting.....	6%	21,378.80
Mar. 3, 1906	Houston Lighting and Power Company.....	Street lighting.....	6%	21,378.80
April 1, 1905	American Fire Engine Company.....	Apparatus.....	6%	697.22
April 1, 1906	American Fire Engine Company.....	Apparatus.....	6%	697.22
Nov. 7, 1905	La France Fire Engine Company.....	Apparatus.....	6%	966.67
April 30, 1905	H. C. Still.....	Personal injuries.....	6%	137.33
	TOTAL DEFERRED.....			\$ 50,425.19
	TOTAL BILLS PAYABLE.....			\$185,497.54

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Special Deposits, December 31, 1903.

Collins Brothers.....	\$ 125.00
Keithly-Hodge & Co.....	22.50
Modern Plumbing Co.....	35.00
J. W. Thiel.....	10.00
Smith Plumbing Co.....	10.00
W. W. Otter.....	25.00
Lead Pipe Plumbing Co.....	5.00
Geo. Robischung.....	15.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.....	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 447.50

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Miscellaneous Current Liabilities,

December 31, 1903.

W. E. Scott, <i>et al.</i> , deposit account franchise Interurban R. R..	\$ 2,500.00
Henry House, old balance from 1902, for lumber.....	447.13
Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants, balance on contract, June, 1902.....	3,816.70
Alexander Potter, balance on contract, sewer system.....	1,238.56
J. W. Thiel, balance on contract, plumbing and sewer.....	117.20
Interest accrued on bills payable, current.....	3,873.24
TOTAL	<u>\$11,992.83</u>

CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Bonded Debt, December 31, 1903.

Consolidated bonds.....	6%	1876	\$ 14,000.00
Funding bonds.....	6%	1882	524,000.00
Compromise bonds.....	6%	1888	500,000.00
Compromise bonds.....	5%	1888	503,000.00
Public School building bonds.....	6%	1894	100,000.00
Bridge building bonds.....	5%	1896	39,000.00
Market House funding bonds.....	5%	1897	109,000.00
Paving and sewer bonds.....	5%	1897	250,000.00
School building bonds.....	5%	1897	50,000.00
School building refunding bonds.....	5%	1898	60,000.00
Paving, sewer & perman't improve't bonds.	5%	1898	100,000.00
Paving and sewer bonds.....	5%	1899	100,000.00
Sewerage and sanitary system bonds.....	5%	1899	300,000.00
Paving bonds.....	5%	1901	240,000.00
Sewer bonds.....	5%	1901	60,000.00
School building bonds.....	5%	1901	50,000.00
Market, engine and school house bonds...	5%	1903	100,000.00
Paving bonds.....	5%	1903	200,000.00

TOTAL\$3,299,000.00

CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Revenue and Expense for the Year Ended
December 31, 1903.

REVENUE—Schedule No. 1.....	\$787,586.87
EXPENSE:	
Ordinary—Schedule No. 2.....	\$673,413.15
Extraordinary—Schedule No. 2.....	22,335.26
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$695,748.41
Excess of revenue over expense.....	\$ 91,838.46

Exhibit "B."



W. J. KOHLHAUFF,
ALDERMAN FIRST WARD.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Revenue, Classified, for the Year Ended
December 31, 1903.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Law Department—

City Attorney's office.....	\$ 290.18
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Finance Department—

City Assessor and Collector's office:	
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Interest	\$ 2,683.31
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Advertising and costs.....	2,341.50
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TOTAL	\$ 5,024.81
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT.....	\$ 5,314.99
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PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department—

Special details and appointments.....	\$ 2,624.00
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Pound fees.....	2,925.80
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Dog licenses.....	550.00
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TOTAL	\$ 6,099.80
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Corporation Court—

Fines and costs.....	\$ 7,307.35
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Fire department.....	\$ 332.25
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City Scavenger department.....	\$15,169.60
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City Sealer.....	\$ 1.50
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Boiler Inspector—

Inspection fees.....	\$ 565.00
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Engineer's examination fees.....	290.50
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TOTAL	\$ 855.50
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Electrical department.....	\$ 2,612.05
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$32,378.05
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REVENUE (Forward).....	\$37,693.04
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CITY OF HOUSTON.

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Revenue, Etc.—Continued.

REVENUE (<i>Forward</i>)	\$ 37,693.04
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PUBLIC WORKS:

City Engineer—

Survey fees.....	\$ 809.25
Building permits.....	1,282.00
Plumbing and sewer inspection fees.....	775.00
Other	442.70

TOTAL	\$ 3,308.95
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<i>Streets and bridges department</i>	\$ 586.42
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TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS.....	\$ 3,895.37
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PUBLIC INDUSTRIES:

<i>Markets</i>	\$ 8,279.25
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PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART:

<i>Schools</i>	\$ 45,230.16
<i>Sam Houston Park</i>	59.70

TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART....	\$ 45,289.86
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TAXATION:

<i>Ad valorem tax</i>	\$631,458.34
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Occupation tax—

Merchants	\$ 3,587.55
Liquor	14,477.35
Beer	3,702.54
Other	3,075.62

TOTAL	\$ 24,843.06
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<i>Poll tax</i>	\$ 2,313.00
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<i>Franchise tax</i>	\$ 5,545.06
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TOTAL TAXATION.....	\$664,159.46
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PREMIUM ON BONDS.....	\$ 3,099.98
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UNCLAIMED WAGES.....	\$ 20.00
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MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 25,149.91
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TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$787,586.87
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Exhibit "B"—Schedule No. 1. (Concluded)—2.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense—Classified, and Unexpended Appropriations,
for the Year Ended December 31, 1903.

ORDINARY EXPENSE—

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive—

Mayor's office:

Salaries	\$ 3,000.00		
Other	24.00		

TOTAL EXECUTIVE.....	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 26.00
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Legislative—

City Council:

Salaries	\$ 2,880.00		
Other	4.00		

TOTAL	\$ 2,884.00	\$ 2,880.00	*\$ 4.00
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City Secretary:

Salaries	\$ 2,970.00		
Stationery and printing.....	504.66		
Other	324.65		

TOTAL	\$ 3,799.31	\$ 3,940.00	\$ 140.69
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TOTAL LEGISLATIVE.....	\$ 6,683.31	\$ 6,820.00	\$ 136.69
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Law Department—

City Attorney:

Salaries	\$ 6,174.93		
Court costs.....	286.70		
Other	991.33		

TOTAL LAW DEPARTMENT....	\$ 7,452.96	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,547.04
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Finance Department—

City Controller's Office:

Salaries	\$ 2,310.00		
Stationery and printing.....	303.71		
Other	2.40		

TOTAL	\$ 2,616.11	\$ 1,750.00	*\$ 866.11
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City Treasurer's Office:

Salaries	2,420.00		
Stationery and printing.....	52.79		
Other	28.75		

TOTAL	\$ 2,501.54	\$ 2,500.00	*\$ 1.54
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City Assessor and Collector's Office:

Salaries	\$ 7,864.03		
Advertising	1,465.00		
Stationery and printing.....	821.71		
Other	296.06		

TOTAL	\$ 10,446.80	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 153.20
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TOTAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT..	\$ 15,564.45	\$ 14,850.00	*\$ 714.45
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT (<i>Forward</i>).....	\$ 32,724.72	\$ 34,720.00	\$ 1,995.28
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*Appropriation exceeded.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Continued</i>):	Expense	Appropriation	Unexpended Appropriation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (<i>Forward</i>)	\$ 32,724.72	\$ 34,720.00	\$ 1,995.28
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>			
City Hall:			
Repairs and renewals	\$ 34.50		
Salaries—operation	725.00		
Other—operation	2,287.81		
TOTAL	\$ 3,047.31	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 472.69
Board of Appraisement:			
Salaries	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00	
Damages Not Chargeable to Dep'ts:			
Injuries to individuals	\$ 656.50		
Damages to property	150.00		
TOTAL	\$ 806.50	\$ 806.50	
Interest on bonded debt	\$162,318.27	\$161,000.00	*\$ 1,318.27
Miscellaneous int. and exchange	\$ 13,826.37	\$ 6,000.00	*\$ 7,826.37
Electric lights	\$ 30,835.01	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 9,164.99
Water	\$ 23,781.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 219.00
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>			
Salaries	\$ 90.00		
Other	16,277.99		
TOTAL	\$ 16,367.99	\$ 15,262.19	*\$ 1,105.80
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$252,302.45	\$251,908.69	*\$ 393.76
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$285,027.17	\$286,628.69	\$ 1,601.52
<i>PUBLIC SAFETY:</i>			
<i>Police Department—</i>			
Salaries	\$ 54,232.38		
Reps. and ren'ls, wagons and harness	9.00		
Live stock, replacement and keep	356.71		
Repairs and renewals, buildings	42.00		
Repairs and renewals, equipment	116.30		
Light and heat	343.03		
Subsistence of prisoners	2,007.46		
Stationery and printing	191.45		
Other	600.97		
Repairs and renewals, Pound	1.20		
Other expenses, Pound	704.47		
TOTAL	\$ 58,604.97	\$ 57,000.00	*\$ 1,604.97
<i>Corporation Court—</i>			
Salaries	\$ 2,400.00		
Other	113.35		
TOTAL	\$ 2,513.35	\$ 2,500.00	*\$ 13.35
PUBLIC SAFETY (<i>Forward</i>)	\$ 61,118.32	\$ 59,500.00	*\$ 1,618.32
ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Forward</i>)	\$285,027.17	\$286,628.69	\$ 1,601.52

*Appropriation exceeded.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	Expense	Appropriation	Unexpended Appropriation
ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Forward</i>)	\$285,027.17	\$286,628.69	\$ 1,601.52
PUBLIC SAFETY (<i>Forward</i>)	\$ 61,118.32	\$ 59,500.00	*\$ 1,618.32
<i>Fire Department—</i>			
Salaries	\$ 52,161.69		
Repairs and renewals, buildings...	890.56		
Reps. and ren'ls, furn. and bedding.	44.00		
Repairs and renewals, equipment..	2,773.74		
Live stock, replacement and keep...	4,992.47		
Fuel for engines.....	761.75		
Lubricants and other eng. supplies.	339.12		
Chemicals	48.74		
Rent	1,550.00		
Light and heat.....	992.32		
Stationery and printing.....	65.05		
Other	296.63		
TOTAL	\$ 64,916.07	\$ 56,800.00	*\$ 8,116.07
<i>Health Department—</i>			
Salaries, superintendence.....	\$ 3,042.50		
Salaries, inspectors.....	4,477.50		
Operation, pest house.....	1,386.70		
Quarantine, expense.....	740.58		
Drugs, chemicals and appliances...	3,292.50		
Stationery and printing.....	127.39		
Other	168.55		
TOTAL	\$ 13,235.72	\$ 13,000.00	*\$ 235.72
<i>City Scavenger Department—</i>			
Salaries and wages.....	\$ 10,612.66		
Repairs and renewals, buildings...	7.50		
Repairs and renewals, equipment..	464.75		
Live stock, replacement and keep...	2,342.31		
Stationery and printing.....	127.02		
Other	460.15		
TOTAL	\$ 14,014.39	\$ 13,500.00	*\$ 514.39
<i>City Sealer—</i>			
Other	\$ 20.25		*\$ 20.25
<i>Boiler Inspector—</i>			
Salaries	\$ 805.00		
Other	29.00		
TOTAL.....	\$ 834.00		*\$ 834.00
<i>Electrical Department—</i>			
Salaries, superintendence.....	\$ 1,670.00		
Salaries, inspectors.....	1,140.00		
Reps. and ren'ls, fire alarm telegraph	1,264.00		
Other	311.08		
TOTAL	\$ 4,385.08	\$ 3,500.00	*\$ 885.08
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$158,523.83	\$146,300.00	*\$12,223.83
ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Forward</i>)	\$443,551.00	\$432,928.69	*\$10,622.31

*Appropriation exceeded.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	Expense	Appropriation	Unexpended Appropriation
ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Forward</i>).....	\$443,551.00	\$432,928.69	*\$10,622.31
PUBLIC WORKS:			
Board of Public Works.....	\$ 284.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 215.25
<i>City Engineer—</i>			
Salaries	\$ 10,694.72		
Repairs and renewals, instruments.....	11.95		
Stationery and printing.....	327.96		
Other	248.03		
TOTAL.....	\$ 11,282.66	\$ 7,000.00	*\$ 4,282.66
<i>Streets and Bridges Department—</i>			
Salaries, superintendence.....	\$ 1,950.00		
Repairs and renewals, buildings....	14.10		
Repairs and renewals, equipment...	918.56		
Repairs and renewals, bridges.....	6,586.88		
Live stock, replacement and keep...	3,355.86		
Street cleaning.....	23,797.14		
Street repairing.....	4,170.34		
Other	2,342.27		
TOTAL.....	\$ 43,135.15	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 1,864.85
<i>Garbage Department—</i>			
Salaries and wages.....	\$ 10,387.04		
Repairs and renewals, equipment..	432.55		
Live stock, replacement and keep...	2,969.02		
Other	24.77		
TOTAL.....	\$ 13,813.38	\$ 12,000.00	*\$ 1,813.38
<i>Sewer System—</i>			
Sanitary sewer system, pumping station, operation.....	\$ 5,060.08		
Sanitary sewer system, pumping station, repairs and renewals...	96.43		
Sanitary sewer system, filter beds..	1,790.70		
Sanitary sewer system, other.....	2,363.52		
Sewers, repairs and renewals.....	821.65		
Sewer inspections.....	1,483.00		
Other	371.12		
TOTAL.....	\$ 11,986.50	\$ 14,483.90	\$ 2,497.40
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS.....	\$ 80,502.44	\$ 78,983.90	*\$ 1,518.54
PUBLIC INDUSTRIES:			
<i>Markets—</i>			
Salaries	\$ 2,214.20		
Repairs and renewals, buildings....	35.00		
Other	39.25		
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,288.45	\$ 2,220.00	*\$ 68.45
TOTAL PUBLIC INDUSTRIES.....	\$ 2,288.45	\$ 2,220.00	*\$ 68.45
ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Forward</i>).....	\$526,341.89	\$514,132.59	*\$12,209.30

*Appropriation exceeded.

CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Expense, Etc.—Continued.

	Expense	Appropriation	Unexpended Appropriation
ORDINARY EXPENSE (<i>Forward</i>).....	\$526,341.89	\$514,132.59	*\$12,209.30
PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART:			
<i>Schools</i>	\$140,627.67	\$125,265.00	*\$15,362.67
<i>Sam Houston Park</i> —			
Salaries	\$ 743.87		
Repairs and renewals, buildings....	566.74		
Repairs and renewals, equipment...	352.05		
Animals, replacement and keep....	990.55		
Maintenance of grounds.....	1,676.73		
Other	445.75		
TOTAL.....	\$ 4,775.69	\$ 5,580.50	\$ 804.81
<i>Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Lib'y</i> ..	\$ 1,667.90	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 732.10
TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECRE-			
ATION AND ART.....	\$147,071.26	\$133,245.50	*\$13,825.76
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSE.....	\$673,413.15	\$647,378.09	*\$26,035.06
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE—			
<i>Certificates of indebtedness (Storrie)</i> ..	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,000.00	*\$ 500.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i> —			
Meadow Street opening.....	\$ 601.00		
McKinney Street opening.....	1,520.00		
No. 6 engine house.....	1,229.32		
Central Fire Station.....	14.49		
Mills and West Street opening.....	2,105.50		
Six streets through Suter 5 acres...	72.00		
City Hall.....	54.00		
Lot in Hopson Addition.....	225.00		
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,821.31	\$ 5,821.31	
<i>Sewer System</i> —			
Scavenger disposal plant.....	\$ 322.09		
Magnolia Street sewer.....	50.00		
Capitol Avenue sewer.....	8.04		
Pumping station pump.....	135.97		
TOTAL.....	\$ 516.10	\$ 516.10	
<i>Sam Houston Park</i> —			
Bell tower.....	\$ 100.00		
Music stand.....	39.50		
TOTAL.....	\$ 139.50	\$ 139.50	
<i>Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Lib'y</i> —			
Amount paid contractors to release			
building.....	\$ 3,358.35	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,641.65
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE...	\$ 22,335.26	\$ 28,476.91	\$ 6,141.65
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$695,748.41	\$675,855.00	\$19,893.41

*Appropriation exceeded.

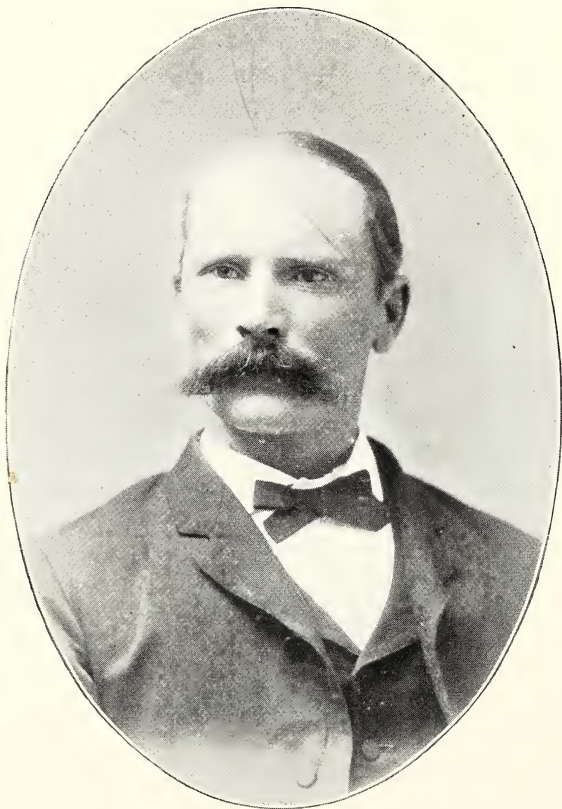
CITY OF HOUSTON.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the Year
Ended December 31, 1903.

	Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1903.	Receipts	Disbursements	Bal. on hand Dec. 31 1903.
TREASURER:				
General fund.....	\$ 27,310.06	\$ 671,855.69	\$ 692,750.38	\$ 6,415.37
Paving fund.....	21,189.84	346,834.46	189,266.27	178,758.03
Sewer fund.....	9,024.00	.....	8,998.00	26.00
Market House fund..	11,975.86	143,956.08	102,109.54	53,822.40
Fire Eng. House fund	3,770.00	33,475.00	10,146.75	27,098.25
Special deposits fund	.....	1,248.95	781.45	467.50
School fund.....	.....	64,254.88	63,530.92	723.96
TOTAL.....	\$ 73,269.76	\$1,261,625.06	\$1,067,583.31	\$267,311.51
Board of Liquidation...	\$ 60,479.97	\$ 169,955.00	\$ 221,111.19	\$ 9,323.78
Assessor and Collector.	110,437.47	563,806.86	606,187.09	68,057.24
Police Department.....	116.60	13,449.20	13,547.30	18.50
Scavenger Department.	.....	15,517.65	15,452.40	65.25
Electrical Department.	.....	1,602.05	1,597.55	4.50
Market Master.....	.....	5,381.00	5,381.00	.....
City Sealer.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....
Working funds.....	.....	675.00	.....	675.00
TOTAL.....	\$171,036.04	\$ 770,386.76	\$ 863,278.53	\$ 78,144.27
TOTAL CASH.....	\$244,305.80	\$2,032,011.82	\$1,930,861.84	\$345,455.78

Exhibit "C."



HENRY PULS.
ALDERMAN FIRST WARD.

BUDGET ALLOWANCE FOR 1904,

AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive—

Mayor's Office.....\$ 3,850.00

Legislative—

City Council..... 5,300.00

City Secretary's office..... 3,600.00

Law Department—

City Attorney's Office..... 8,500.00

Finance Department—

City Controller's Office..... 3,600.00

City Treasurer's Office..... 2,600.00

City Assessor and Collector..... 10,600.00

Miscellaneous—

City Hall..... 3,000.00

Board of Appraisement..... 1,500.00

Elections 1,000.00

Damages not chargeable to departments..... 1,000.00

Interest on bonded debt..... 181,000.00

Miscellaneous interest and exchange..... 15,000.00

Miscellaneous 62,000.00

Electric lights..... 35,000.00

Water 24,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department..... 65,000.00

Corporation Court..... 2,500.00

Fire Department..... 65,000.00

Health Department..... 12,000.00

Scavenger Department..... 13,500.00

Boiler Inspector..... 900.00

Electrical Department..... 3,500.00

PUBLIC WORKS:

Board of Public Works..... 500.00

City Engineer..... 10,000.00

Street and Bridge Department..... 60,000.00

Garbage Department..... 15,000.00

Sewer Department..... 12,000.00

PUBLIC INDUSTRIES:

Markets 3,000.00

PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ART:

Public Schools..... 90,000.00

Public Schools (State Appropriation)..... 50,000.00

Old School Debt..... 20,000.00

Sam Houston Park..... 5,720.00

Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Library..... 4,000.00

EXPENSE EXTRAORDINARY:

Storrie Certificates..... 12,500.00

TOTAL\$806,670.00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

ALEXANDER A. SZABO

TREASURER OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—In obedience with the requirements of the Charter, I beg to submit herewith my annual statement as City Treasurer, for the year beginning January 1, 1903, and ending December 31, 1903:

General Fund.

Jan. 1, 1903	Balance	\$ 27,310.06
	Receipts	671,855.69
	TOTAL	\$699,265.75
	Disbursements	\$692,750.38
Dec. 31, 1903	Balance	6,415.37
	TOTAL	\$699,265.75
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$ 6,415.37

Special Deposit Fund.

	Receipts	\$ 1,248.95
	Disbursements	\$ 781.45
Dec. 31, 1903	Balance	467.50
	TOTAL	\$ 1,248.95
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$ 467.50

Paving Bond Fund.

Jan. 1, 1903	Balance	\$ 21,189.84
	Receipts	346,834.46
	TOTAL	\$368,024.30
	Disbursements	\$189,266.27
Dec. 31, 1903	Balance	178,758.03
	TOTAL	\$368,024.30
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$178,758.03

Sewers Bond Fund.

Jan. 1, 1903	Balance	\$ 16,514.20
	Receipts	54.25
	TOTAL	\$ 16,568.45
	Disbursements	\$ 16,542.45
Dec. 31, 1903	Balance	26.00
	TOTAL	\$ 16,568.45
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$ 26.00

Market House Fund.

Jan. 1, 1903	Balance	\$ 11,975.86
	Receipts	143,956.08
	TOTAL	\$155,931.94
	Disbursements	\$102,109.54
Dec. 31, 1903	Balance	53,822.40
	TOTAL	\$155,931.94
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$ 53,822.40

Fire Engine House Fund.

Jan. 1, 1903	Balance	\$ 3,770.00
	Receipts	33,475.00
	TOTAL	\$ 37,245.00
	Disbursements	\$ 10,146.75
Dec. 31, 1903	Balance	27,098.25
	TOTAL	\$ 37,245.00
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$ 27,098.25

Public School Fund.

	Receipts	\$ 64,254.88
	Disbursements	\$ 63,530.92
	Balance	723.96
	TOTAL	\$ 64,254.88
Jan. 1, 1904	Balance forward.....	\$ 723.96

I, Alexander A. Szabo, Treasurer of the City of Houston, do solemnly swear that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the financial condition of said city, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ALEXANDER A. SZABO,
Treasurer of the City of Houston, Texas.

Sworn to before me this the 12th day of January, 1904.

[SEAL]

E. Y. SPEED,
Notary Public, Harris Co., Texas.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JAMES P. WELSH,

CITY ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR.

SHOWING COLLECTION AND
DISPOSITION OF TAXES

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—As per your request, I herewith enclose you the annual report of this office for the year ending December 31, 1903. Also find attached report of the expenditures of the office for the same period, showing the expense of the office to be \$10,446.80, and the appropriation was \$10,600.00, leaving a credit balance of \$153.20, or .0014 per cent. I would recommend that the appropriation for the ensuing year be placed at the same figure, viz: \$10,600.00.

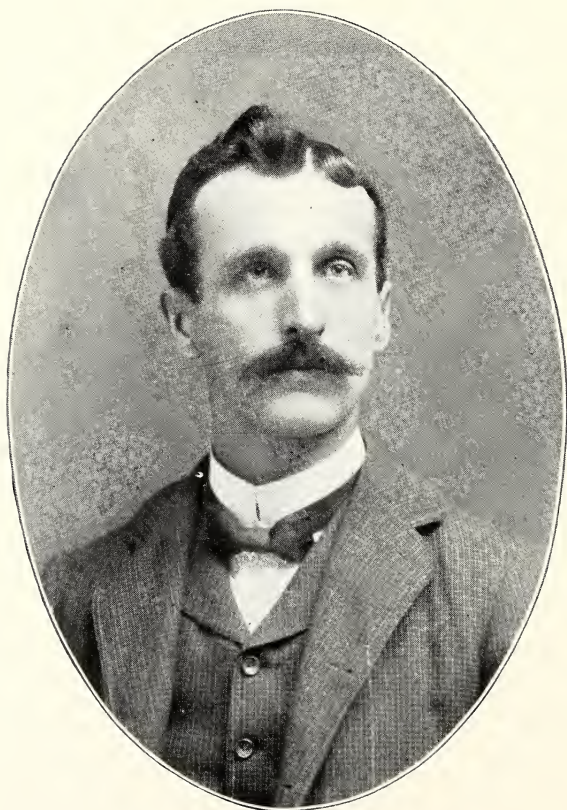
I would also recommend that profiles, plats, maps, etc., of the new extension of the city be furnished this office at the earliest moment, as the city will be operating at a considerable loss and great inconvenience to both the office and the taxpayers without same.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. P. WELSH,
City Assessor and Collector.

Report of Jas. P. Welsh, Assessor and Collector, for
the Year Ending December 31st, 1903.

Ad valorem tax, bond.....	\$ 244,143.43	
General	244,143.68	
		\$ 488,287.11
Interest	\$ 2,611.61	
Costs	2,632.68	
		5,244.29
Occupation, Merchant's.....	\$ 1,855.05	
Liquor	9,702.35	
Beer	3,147.24	
Other	10,392.82	
		25,097.46
Franchise		10.00
Poll		3,092.00
FORWARD		\$521,730.86



L. E. MILLER.
ALDERMAN SECOND WARD.

FORWARD.....\$521,730.86

Special deposits.....	\$ 1,193.95
Permits and fees.....	3,101.15
Engineers' certificates.....	232.50
Miscellaneous	33,465.20
General	2,641.86
Bills for collection.....	1,441.34

42,076.00

\$ 563,806.86

Deposits with Board of Liquidation.....	\$ 139,955.00
Deposits with City Treasurer.....	355,772.57
Refund to L. M. Rich, overcharge.....	20.00
Errors and omissions to balance February.....	2.05
Balance on hand December 31, 1903.....	68,057.24

\$ 563,806.86

City of Houston—Assessor and Collector's Department.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSE AND UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATION FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1903.

REVENUE.

(a) Interest	\$ 2,683.31
(b) Advertising	2,341.50
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$ 5,024.81

EXPENSE.

(a) Salaries	\$ 7,864.03
(b) Advertising	1,465.00
(c) Stationery and printing.....	821.71
(d) Other	296.06
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$ 10,446.80

Amount of appropriation for 1903.....	\$ 10,600.00
Amount expended as above.....	10,446.80

BALANCE UNEXPENDED.....\$ 153.20

Percentage of appropriation unexpended, .0014 per cent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

F. L. DORMANT,

CITY ENGINEER,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to present herewith my report of the operations of the Engineering Department for the year ended December 31, 1903.

The work done during the year comprises the finishing up of old contracts, and the entering upon, and in most cases the completion, of new ones.

We have completed the asphalt paving on Preston and Capitol Avenues, and brick pavements on Hardy and Fifth Streets, and gravel pavement on German and Chartres Streets. We have also paved Third Street from the Milam Street bridge to the tunnel with Belgian block. This improvement was greatly needed, on account of the bad condition of this street during every heavy rain. Milam street, at the south end of the bridge, was also paved with Belgian block.

The extension to Houston Avenue was completed, thus giving a good outlet from the city to the north. On this work one bridge was rebuilt, and one entirely new one was constructed.

The completion of the storm sewer on Hardy Street now provides that portion of the city with good drainage from Noble Street to the bayou, but to get the best results from the sewer it is imperative that cross streets should be properly ditched.

Repairs were made to the sewer on Franklin Avenue, near the bridge, where the broken sewer allowed the bank to run through it to the bayou, thus causing a cave-in of the asphalt at that point. The pipe was repaired and the pavement replaced with brick.

We have constructed a new outlet and apron for the Louisiana Street sewer. The old outlet had become broken and undermined, and the headwalls were gone. A new concrete apron was constructed upon piling and is now in satisfactory operation.

I am glad to state that the new bridge over White Oak Bayou

is now almost completed, and will, in a few days, be opened to traffic. The old bridge was entirely removed, and the new one was built on the same site.

The old drain on Spring Street, put in by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, was repaired by the company, and for most of its length was replaced by 36-inch tile pipe, and was extended west to Silver Street.

Plans were submitted to this department by the International & Great Northern Railroad for the tunnel under their tracks, at Preston Avenue, and were approved. This tunnel will necessitate the rebuilding, on a new line, of a portion of the Buffalo Street sewer, and the relaying of water pipes belonging to the Houston Water Company. The drainage of the tunnel will be accomplished by means of an automatic pump, working in a sump, or well. This pump will be operated by electricity, and will start to pump automatically when the water reaches a certain height in the sump. The tunnel itself will consist of steel beams, supported on concrete abutments and will be reached by open cuts or approaches, graded to an easy incline. It will supply a much needed improvement, doing away with a very dangerous crossing.

The operation of the new building ordinance has been very satisfactory. We are now able to inspect plans and specifications of all proposed buildings, and have a code of laws regulating constructive details, which must be observed before a permit is granted.

The creation of the office of Building Inspector is an important step, rendering possible the proper inspection of all buildings during construction. The revision of the ordinance prescribing the fees to be paid for building permits has now placed the amount of the fee dependent upon the magnitude of the undertaking, which is equitable and just. The amount of building and repairs done during the year, together with the amount of the fees paid therefor, is shown in one of the tables hereto attached. An inspection of the table will show an increase of permanent building operations for the year 1903 over that of 1902 of \$370,579. This increase occurred principally from June to October, when building was most active. July is the month showing the greatest amount of building commenced, permits having been taken out for \$260,249 worth of buildings.

I desire to renew my recommendation that the city purchase a steam roller for use on paved streets. A roller of about ten tons weight will enable the city to do its own repairs upon the streets, and when not in use could be made revenue-producing by being rented out.

The city has in contemplation the paving of a large number of streets with gravel. Plans, profiles and specifications have been prepared, and were sent to a number of contracting firms in Houston, and at various other points. When finally completed, this paving will give the city about thirty-two miles of additional pavement, which with that already in will give a total of about fifty-nine miles.

I take pleasure in recalling the pleasant relations which have existed between this department and the officers and employes of the various departments connected with the City Government, and I desire to thank these gentlemen for their uniform courtesy and co-operation. I also desire to commend the various members of the office and field forces connected with this department, for the intelligence and fidelity which have marked their work during the year, and to thank them for the loyal support which they have accorded me in the discharge of their duties.

The various tables hereto attached are self-explanatory, and show in detail the amounts expended by the department, as well as the work accomplished.

Yours respectfully,

F. L. DORMANT,
City Engineer.

Pavements by Wards.

FIRST WARD.....	Asphalt	3,300	lineal feet
	Brick	2,800	lineal feet
	Gravel	2,100	lineal feet
	Bois d'Arc.....	600	lineal feet
SECOND WARD....	Asphalt	2,300	lineal feet
	Brick	6,500	lineal feet
	Bois d'Arc.....	300	lineal feet
	Gravel	8,100	lineal feet
	Macadam	2,000	lineal feet
THIRD WARD.. ..	Asphalt	14,000	lineal feet
	Brick	19,500	lineal feet
	Bois d'Arc.....	6,200	lineal feet
	Gravel	5,400	lineal feet
	Macadam	5,400	lineal feet
FOURTH WARD....	Asphalt	5,300	lineal feet
	Brick	6,100	lineal feet
	Bois d'Arc.....	7,100	lineal feet
	Gravel	10,700	lineal feet
FIFTH WARD.....	Asphalt	6,100	lineal feet
	Brick	9,300	lineal feet
	Gravel	8,800	lineal feet
	Shell	2,300	lineal feet
SIXTH WARD.....	Asphalt	2,250	lineal feet
	Brick	7,700	lineal feet

Total Pavements.

Asphalt	33,250	lineal feet, or	6.29	miles.
Brick	51,900	lineal feet, or	9.83	miles.
Gravel	35,100	lineal feet, or	6.65	miles.
Bois d'Arc.....	14,200	lineal feet, or	2.69	miles.
Macadam	7,400	lineal feet, or	1.40	miles.
Shell	2,300	lineal feet, or	0.43	miles.

TOTAL27.29 miles.

Area of City by Wards.

	Old, Acres	New, Acres	Increase, Acres
First Ward.....	682	1,232	550
Second Ward.....	630	1,026	396
Third Ward.....	1,636	2,815	1,179
Fourth Ward.....	857	1,574	717
Fifth Ward.....	1,522	2,727	1,205
Sixth Ward.....	433	791	358
TOTALS	5,760	10,165	4,405

Street Car Mileage.

Washington Avenue.....	16,733 feet.
Houston Avenue.....	8,929 feet.
South End.....	21,119 feet.
McGowen Avenue.....	734 feet.
Louisiana Street.....	13,247 feet.
Aransas Pass.....	15,777 feet.
Volksfest	12,634 feet.
Liberty Avenue.....	17,315 feet.
Montgomery Avenue.....	11,649 feet.
San Felipe Street.....	17,902 feet.
LaBranch Street.....	14,953 feet.
Congress-Preston Avenues.....	9,841 feet.
Main Street.....	4,228 feet.
Power house tracks.....	5,316 feet

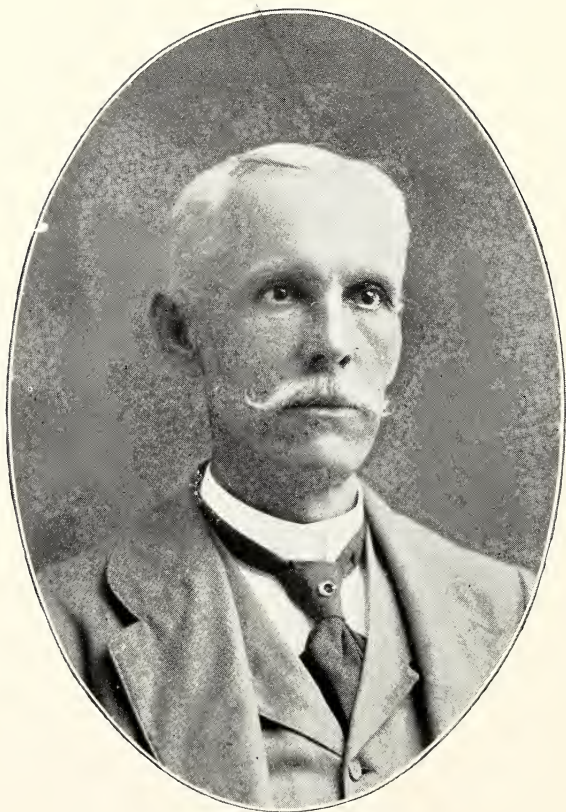
TOTAL170,377 feet.
 Equals 32.3 miles.

Amount of Building, as Shown by Permanent Permit Record.

MONTH	1902	1903	Fees, 1903
January	\$ 59,550.00	\$ 46,720.00	\$ 56.50
February	70,500.00	57,820.00	44.50
March	73,265.00	74,955.00	19.00
April	140,320.00	59,340.00	30.50
May	58,800.00	68,051.00	37.50
June	79,300.00	142,065.00	31.00
July	47,635.00	260,249.00	273.50
August	77,865.00	145,330.00	149.00
September	61,175.00	177,640.00	109.00
October	139,900.00	128,515.00	121.50
November	86,780.00	84,520.00	107.50
December	63,768.00	84,232.00	109.50
TOTALS	\$958,858.00	\$1,329,437.00	\$1,089.00

Survey Fees Collected.

MONTH	1902	1903
January		\$ 103.00
February	\$ 70.00	48.50
March	21.00	72.00
April	113.00	48.50
May	31.00	75.50
June	45.50	63.00
July	86.00	72.00
August	94.50	30.00
September	84.50	72.25
October	135.50	81.50
November	86.50	93.00
December	51.50	50.00
TOTALS	\$ 819.00	\$ 809.25



JAMES A. THOMPSON,
ALDERMAN SECOND WARD.

Amounts Expended on Contracts.

Fifth Street, paving.....	\$ 3,844.82
Houston Avenue, extension.....	4,173.12
Preston Avenue, paving.....	11,603.90
German and Chartres Streets, paving.....	6,522.62
Hardy Street, sewer.....	7,506.11
Hardy Street, paving.....	24,133.64
Capitol Avenue, paving.....	23,823.67
Franklin Avenue, sewer repairs.....	465.00
*Congress Avenue, sewer outlet.....	481.25
*White Oak Bayou bridge.....	961.00
Third Street, paving.....	667.85
Market House, Belgian block paving.....	815.53
*Market House, drainage.....	990.40
Market House, brick steps, etc.....	1,008.61
Market House, fire service mains.....	100.00
Market House, brick paving.....	587.75
Milam Street, paving.....	440.99

*Not completed.

Charges Against the Houston Electric Company

FOR THEIR SHARE IN VARIOUS REPAIRS, ETC.

Hardy Street, paving.....	\$ 59.18
San Jacinto Street bridge, floor.....	494.75
San Jacinto Street bridge, gearing.....	25.77
San Jacinto Street bridge, lumber.....	24.05
Franklin Avenue bridge, floor.....	38.50
Fifth Street, paving.....	958.84
Houston Avenue, Shearn to Spring Streets.....	399.50

TOTAL\$2,000.59

Amount of Repairs to Buildings,

AS SHOWN BY PERMIT RECORD.

January	\$ 3,413.00	August	7,055.00
February	3,850.00	September	6,783.00
March	4,279.00	October	8,709.00
April	8,037.00	November	6,835.00
May	10,121.00	December	9,529.80
June	3,960.00		
July	7,220.00	TOTAL	\$79,791.80

In 1902 the amount of repairs was \$67,855.50.

Elevations of Important Points in Houston

ABOVE MEAN LOW WATER.

	Elevation.
Highest point, Henderson Street and H. & T. C. R'y.....	.63 feet.
Cascara School, Loraine and McKee Streets.....	.55 feet.
Anson Jones School, Elysian, near Nance.....	.45 feet.
Hawthorn School, Houston and Bingham.....	.56 feet.
Taylor School, Milam and Clay.....	.56 feet.

Elevations of Important Points—Continued.

	Elevation.
Fannin School, Louisiana and Tuam.....	55 feet.
High School, Rusk and Caroline.....	55 feet.
Longfellow School, Bell and Chartres.....	54 feet.
Hamilton School, Hamilton and Commerce.....	54 feet.
Dow School, Washington and Ashe.....	57 feet.
Central Fire Station, Prairie and San Jacinto.....	55 feet.
Engine House No. 1, Fannin, near Texas.....	55 feet.
Engine House No. 5, Hardy and Nance.....	46 feet.
Engine House No. 6, Washington Avenue.....	57 feet.
Engine House No. 7, Milam and McLhenny.....	56 feet.
Engine House No. 8, Crawford and Polk.....	55 feet.
Engine House No. 9, Keene and Hogan.....	56 feet.
Engine House No. 10, Chartres and Franklin.....	54 feet.
Top of weathervane, Market House Tower.....	159 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Sanitary and Storm Sewers in Operation
December 31, 1903.

SIZE	SANITARY		COMBINED		STORM		TOTAL	
	Lineal Feet	Miles	Lineal Feet	Miles	Lineal Feet	Miles	Lineal Feet	Miles
6" pipe....	8,204	1.554	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,204	1.55
8" pipe....	95,984	18.178	.....	.....	.....	.....	95,984	18.178
10" pipe....	10,874	2.059	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,874	2.059
12" pipe....	5,111	.968	5,763	1.091	.....	.....	10,874	2.059
15" pipe....	4,565	.866	1,740	.330	2,700	.511	9,005	1.707
18" pipe....	.....	.....	8,783	1.663	3,117	.590	11,900	2.253
21" pipe....	3,289	.623	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,289	.623
24" pipe....	1,650	.310	9,650	1.828	3,555	.673	14,855	2.811
30" pipe....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,255	.426	2,255	.426
24" brick....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,092	.400	2,092	.400
27" brick....	.....	.....	.....	.....	354	.067	354	.067
30" brick....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,005	.190	1,005	.190
33" brick....	.....	.....	335	.063	653	.123	988	.186
36" brick....	.....	.....	1,305	.247	3,924	.743	5,229	.990
39" brick....	.....	.....	326	.061	637	.120	963	.181
42" brick....	.....	.....	648	.123	330	.062	978	.185
45" brick....	.....	.....	4,038	.765	660	.125	4,698	.890
48" brick....	.....	.....	.....	.....	745	.141	745	.141
51" brick....	.....	.....	.....	.....	330	.062	330	.062
54" brick....	.....	.....	.....	.....	686	.130	686	.130
60" brick....	.....	.....	830	.157	.....	.....	830	.157
18" concrete	.....	.....	700	.133	.....	.....	700	.133
20" concrete	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,046	.200	1,046	.200
Box drains.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,145	.974	5,145	.974
TOTALS ..	129,677	24.558	34,118	6.461	29,234	5.537	193,029	36.558
Hardy Street, miscellaneous sizes.....							4,155	.787
TOTALS.....							197,182	37.345

Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

A. Survey fees.....	\$ 809.25
B. Building Permit Fees—	
Permanent	\$1,089.00
Temporary	193.00 1,282.00
C. Plumbing and sewer inspection fees.....	775.00
D. Other	442.70
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$3,308.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

A. Salaries	\$10,694.72
B. Repairs and renewal of instruments.....	11.95
C. Stationery and printing.....	327.96
D. Other	248.03
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$11,282.66

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

A. Sanitary sewer system, pumping station operation.....	\$ 5,060.08
B. Sanitary sewer system, pump'g stat'n repairs & renewals	96.43
C. Sanitary sewer system, filter beds.....	1,790.70
E. Sanitary sewer system, other.....	2,363.52
F. Sewers, repairs and renewals.....	821.65
G. Sewer inspections.....	1,483.00
H. Other	371.12
TOTAL	\$11,986.50

EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS.

Scavenger disposal plant.....	\$322.09
Magnolia Street sewer.....	50.00
Capitol Avenue sewer.....	8.04
Pumping station pump.....	135.97
TOTAL	\$516.10

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

R. T. GALLAGHER,
CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the building operations for the year 1903, together with a statement showing the character of buildings erected and repaired and estimate of cost:

Permanent Permits.

	No. of Permits	Amount
Frame Dwellings	659	\$ 652,600.00
Brick Dwellings.....	..	.....
Frame Stores	38	10,375.00
Brick Stores	29	227,150.00
Frame Warehouses	2	19,460.00
Brick Warehouses	4	15,400.00
Frame Churches	2	4,070.00
Brick Churches	1	17,500.00
Frame Shops	2	1,300.00
Brick Shops.....	2	500.00
Brick Office Buildings	1	165,000.00
Brick Flats	1	6,500.00
Brick Colleges	1	25,000.00
Brick City Hall and Market	1	85,256.00
Brick Central Fire Station	1	28,680.00
Brick Electric Power House....	1	10,525.00
Brick Hotel	1	20,000.00
Frame Club Houses	2	15,000.00
Frame Sheds	146	13,644.00
Frame Stables	38	11,477.00
TOTAL.....	884	\$1,329,437.00

Temporary Permits.

Flues	84	
Fences	337	
Minor Repairs	947	
TOTAL.....	1,368	\$ 79,791.80
GRAND TOTAL.....	2,252	\$1,409,228.80

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. GALLAGHER,
Building Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

T. H. STONE,

ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—Complying with Charter requirements, I submit hereunder summarized statement of conduct of Legal Department for the year ending December 31, 1903. This report is not intended to outline the work of this department, nor to compass the scope of the varying and numerous demands made upon it, but, on the contrary, it is desired to curtail it, and give a skeleton statement.

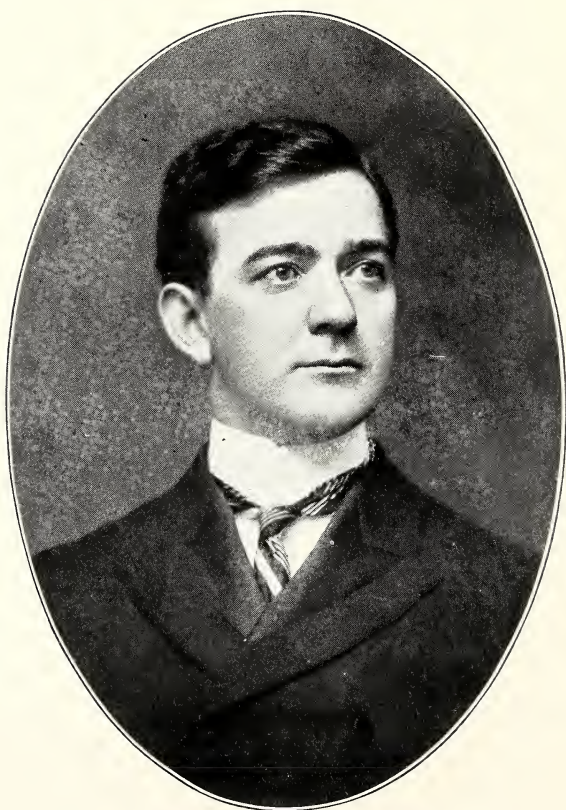
Cases Disposed of During Year 1903.

During the year 1903 this department tried and disposed of fifty-five (55) cases, all told; of which number fifty (50) were in the District Courts of this county; three (3) pending in the County Court; one (1) in Justice Court; and one (1) in the United States Circuit Court, with the following results:

Judgments against City	16
Total Amount of 16 Judgments.....	\$27,588.11
Judgments and Results in Favor of City....	39
Cases on Appeal	17
Cases Briefed	16
Total Number of Cases Disposed Of.....	55

Of the total amount, \$27,588.11, rendered in judgments against the city, the sum of \$18,614.88 is the gross amount of judgments rendered in what are commonly known as the "police cases," of which there were fifteen (15), but in which judgment was rendered against the city in twelve (12) cases, and in favor of the city in three (3). These were suits based on illegal discharge of policemen from the service of the city, they being at that time under civil service rules, and the suits were to recover salary due for the unexpired terms of their offices respectively.

These suits are all on appeal. The amount of these suits is so great that we were forced to try them all, and have spent much



EDGAR WATKINS,
ALDERMAN THIRD WARD.
(RESIGNED NOVEMBER 2, 1903.)

time and labor in investigation, hoping, on appeal, to be able to relieve the city of this enormous sum rendered against her in judgments.

Deducting the amount of the judgments in the "police cases" from the total amount of judgments, we have:

Total Amount Judgments	\$27,588.11
Total Amount Judgments in Police Cases.....	18,614.58
Total Amount Other Judgments	8,973.53
Suits Still Pending not Tried nor Disposed Of.....	41

The above does not include tax suits.

Expenses.

The budget allowance for the year was.....	\$10,000.00
The total expenses of this department for 1903, including salary of City Attorney and assistants, payment of court costs, and all expenses incidental and otherwise, was.....	7,452.96
Amount appropriated to this department, but not used.....	2,547.04

Taxes.

Formerly the City Attorney was allowed a fee, or commission, on all taxes collected by him, but this is not now the case, the City Attorney receiving a fixed salary.

This department has collected by notice, and by suit, taxes during the year 1903 amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$40,870.00.

In the collection of taxes we have, invariably, before filing suit, sent written notices to the delinquent tax payers, notifying them that we were ready to file suit for the unpaid taxes, and that unless the taxes were paid by a time fixed in the notice suit would be filed against them.

We have found this an efficacious and speedy method of collecting back taxes, as in two-thirds of the cases the parties arranged payment without suit, thereby saving court costs and other expenses, and at the same time quickly getting the money for the city.

Corporation Court.

It is the duty of the City Attorney to be present in person, or by deputy, at each session of the Corporation Court, and twice a day, at each session of this court this office is represented. For-

merly, fees were allowed the City Attorney in all cases where convictions were had, but now the fees that were then taxed as attorney's fees, and received by him, are still included in the cost bills, but are all paid to the city directly. The amount of fees in all convictions in Corporation Court appears below:

Total Amount Fines	\$ 2,772.00
Total Amount Attorney's Fees	6,695.00
Total Amount Other Costs	2,852.35
Total	<u>\$12,319.35</u>

STATEMENT.

It is clear that since the expenses of this department for the year ending December 31, 1903, were \$7,452.96, if the credit of \$6,695.00 attorney's fees in Corporation Court were credited, as it should be, to this department, and the usual commission of 5 per cent allowed upon tax collections, that this department has produced revenue in excess of its expenditures, and is more than self-sustaining.

Contracts, Petitions, Opinions, etc.

It is the duty of this department to prepare and pass upon all contracts, bonds and other written obligations of the city; this work has not been light, but, on the contrary, scarcely a day passes that we are not called upon to prepare work of this character, some of which is very troublesome.

It has become the custom of the Council to refer a large portion of the petitions presented to it to this department, and we have done a great amount of work in passing on these matters. We have also been called on by the Mayor and Council for numerous opinions, many of which involve unusual amounts, and most intricate questions of law.

General Remarks.

It is not possible, in an ordinary report, even to suggest what this department has done, or assisted in doing, in the twelve months just passed. A few instances may be easily recalled.

We have, practically, collected the entire amount of insurance on the old Market House, some of which was paid in full, and some

of which we compromised, by authority of the Council, at 60 cents on the dollar. We collected \$14,400.00 last year, and there is now still due, under three policies, the sum of \$6,000.00, for which suit is pending.

The street railway company last year paid in to the city the sum of \$82,500.00, claimed by the city as due for paving, but this department only assisted the administration in procuring this settlement. The same is true of the settlement made with the electric light company.

Many weighty matters have been up for consideration, and the attendance upon conferences and investigations incident thereto have made heavy demands upon our time.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. STONE,
City Attorney.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

A. R. RAILEY,

JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT,
CITY OF HOUSTON,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1903.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—In compliance with your request, I beg to submit herewith my annual report, showing the number of cases tried in the Corporation Court during the year 1903, and the disposition made of same:

MONTH	CASES			FINES AND COSTS
	Tried	Fined	Acquitted, Nolle Prossed and Dismissed	
January	186	113	73	\$ 111.25
February	182	95	87	950.75
March	224	121	103	1,200.65
April	208	106	102	1,089.90
May	182	96	86	1,056.65
June	175	98	77	1,006.95
July	211	108	103	1,119.35
August	151	74	77	655.60
September	177	78	99	811.20
October	202	106	96	1,051.80
November	214	85	129	862.90
December	207	76	131	890.20
TOTALS	2,319	1,156	1,163	\$ 11,807.20

Yours respectfully,

A. R. RILEY,
Judge Corporation Court.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

GEO. ELLIS,

CHIEF OF POLICE,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,

Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I herewith submit my annual report of the operations of the Police Department for the year 1903, together with some recommendations, as well as comparisons between the number of men employed and the salary and general expense account of the Houston Police Department, as compared with those cities.

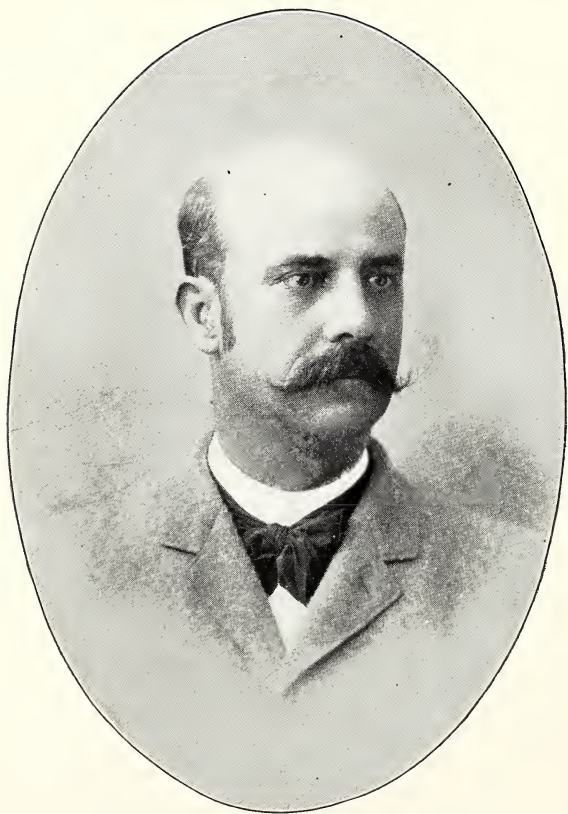
The present strength of the department aggregates fifty-five. This does not include the five special detail men retained by private parties and corporations, the salaries of these men being paid by those securing the service. There is one chief and assistant chief, two sergeants, two patrol drivers, two turnkeys, a matron, four detectives, eight mounted men, one chief clerk and two assistants, and thirty-one patrolmen.

To the average citizen at first glance this may seem a large force, but when comparisons are made with other cities, it will demonstrate that Houston has fewer policemen and the department is less expensive than other communities pay for this necessary adjunct of municipal guardianship. It must be taken into account that only half of this force is on duty at one time, there being day men and night men.

Statistics of Other Cities.

	POPULATION.	STRENGTH.	ANNUAL COST.
Lowell, Mass.....	94,969	123	\$138,000.00
Albany, N. Y.....	100,000	163	155,000.00
Cambridge, Mass.....	94,084	120	129,000.00
Atlanta, Ga.....	94,000	200	145,000.00
Fall River, Mass.....	107,000	130	139,407.00
Los Angeles, Cal.....	110,000	125	136,000.00
New Haven, Conn.....	112,000	176	189,097.00
Syracuse, N. Y.....	120,000	135	133,000.00
Richmond, Va.....	92,000	101	103,712.00
Troy, N. Y.....	75,000	124	111,979.00
Houston	70,000	55	55,981.00

The above figures, taken from the latest authentic reports published by the government, show that the average population of the



G. C. STREET,
ALDERMAN THIRD WARD.

ten cities named, in round figures, is 100,000, the average strength of each police department is one hundred and thirty-nine, and the average cost to maintain is \$138,000.00. And yet Houston, with a population of 70,000 (the claim has been made that the population is 85,000, though the new city directory gives something over 66,000) has only a force of fifty-five, and the expense of the department of \$56,000.00.

Recommendations.

Believing that, in order to give the citizens in the outlying districts adequate police protection, it will be necessary to increase the present force, I hereby recommend the appointment of fourteen additional men, six to be mounted, and eight patrolmen. When the new city charter went into effect last July, extending the city limits half a mile in each direction, I found that it would be necessary to increase the strength of the department in order to give the thousands of residents in the new districts adequate police protection, but as my budget for the year 1903 had already been put in, the additional force could not be allowed. The smallest basis upon which police protection is figured is one man to every 1,000 inhabitants. I have found in trying to place the present men to cover the new districts that this is an equitable basis. I have found that it is impossible to place my men so as to give the new districts any appreciable protection. In fact, the only protection these districts are afforded at the present time is through the mounted men, and the visits of myself, the assistant chief and the two sergeants. Of the eight mounted men four work on each shift. Two of these are kept at the station to answer emergency calls, of which a great many are received. There are times when these men are out on calls and other calls come in, with no one to respond to them, and they must wait. This, then, leaves only two mounted men to protect the new districts, and there are so many miles of this territory that even when they ride all night they do not do any more than cover the territory once.

No private corporation that increases its business yearly but what is forced to add to the number of its employes. This holds good whether it is a bank, manufacturing concern, or mercantile

firm. And it also applies to a city, with reference to its police department. Houston's population is today, perhaps, the most cosmopolitan of any city in the South. During the past few months, with the influx of visitors seeking investment of capital, and the news that has been spread abroad of the general prosperity incident to the development of the resources of this immediate section of the State, along with the capitalists have come the crooks. In the general order of things this must be expected, for the crooks and criminal classes flock to cities known to be prosperous. Within the past few months the Police Department has handled some of the most famous crooks in the United States. The city detectives and the other members of the force are constantly on the lookout for this class, for among them are to be found the pickpockets, the skeleton key men and the safe-blowers. We have had a few cases of the two former, but none of the latter. Arrests in the cases of pickpockets and burglars have been numerous. Undoubtedly had the force been adequate the cases of burglarly would have been fewer.

I would respectfully call attention to another thing in this connection. Of the number of arrests made during the year, fully two-thirds of the prisoners were negroes. This is something that should be taken into account in connection with the comparisons with the ten cities named. It will be noted that Atlanta, Ga., has a force of two hundred. Atlanta is the only city of the ten with a population of 94,000, that has a population equal to that of Houston, so far as negroes are concerned. The cost of maintaining the department in that city is \$145,000.00. With a population of only 24,000 in excess of the population of the City of Houston, the City of Atlanta pays \$89,000.00 more than the cost to maintain the Houston department as it stands at the present time.

Budget Expense for 1904.

In recommending an increase in the strength of the department of fourteen men (eight patrolmen and six mounted), I would respectfully base the estimated cost to maintain at \$70,000.00, and I recommend this as an equitable figure.

Department Work.

During the year there were 4,332 arrests made by the department, fully two-thirds being colored.

The total amount of property recovered and returned to the owners during the year amounted to \$17,194.90.

The number of horses and cattle impounded during the year was 2,139.

The amount of money collected in pound fees amounted to \$2,925.80.

The amount of money collected in fines and costs was \$7,307.35.

The amount of money collected from the sale of dog licenses was \$550.00.

The amount of money collected for special detail officers (two at the Grand Central Depot and three at saloons and theaters) was \$2,624.00. It will be noticed that in making the comparisons with the other cities this amount was deducted from the expense of maintaining the department, for the reason that since the money was collected from the parties securing the service, covering the expense of same and turned back to the city, I did not think that it properly belonged in the column when the comparison was made.

The total amount of money collected from all sources and turned over to the City Treasurer amounted to \$13,407.15.

The total salary account for the year (with the special details added), was \$54,232.38.

Other expenses, feeding prisoners, keeping up repairs on the building, and the patrol wagon, feeding and shoeing the horses, repairing harness, light, heat and water for the station and feed for the stock impounded, amounted to \$4,372.59, making a total expense of \$58,604.97.

Police Matron and Her Work.

Mrs. F. L. Bowler, the matron of the department, has been most efficient in the performance of her trying and delicate duties. This is virtually a new department in this city, and the work must be developed as the occasions arise. To the care of the matron are delegated the helpless and unfortunate of not only

those of her sex, but her ministrations give comfort to the sick and needy among the sick men who are daily carried in. Through this department, during the year many homes have been found for homeless children, positions have been found for strangers among women seeking employment. She has assisted in giving relief to destitute families, and the number of tickets that have been secured for unfortunates who were making an effort to reach home or friends were many. The negro women who have become almost continuous inmates of the station, because of the cocaine and morphine habits, are looked after by her, and she keeps the station well swept and scrubbed by placing them to work.

Recapitulation.

Salaries paid.....	\$54,232.38
Other expenses.....	4,372.59
TOTAL.....	<u>\$58,604.97</u>

MONIES COLLECTED.

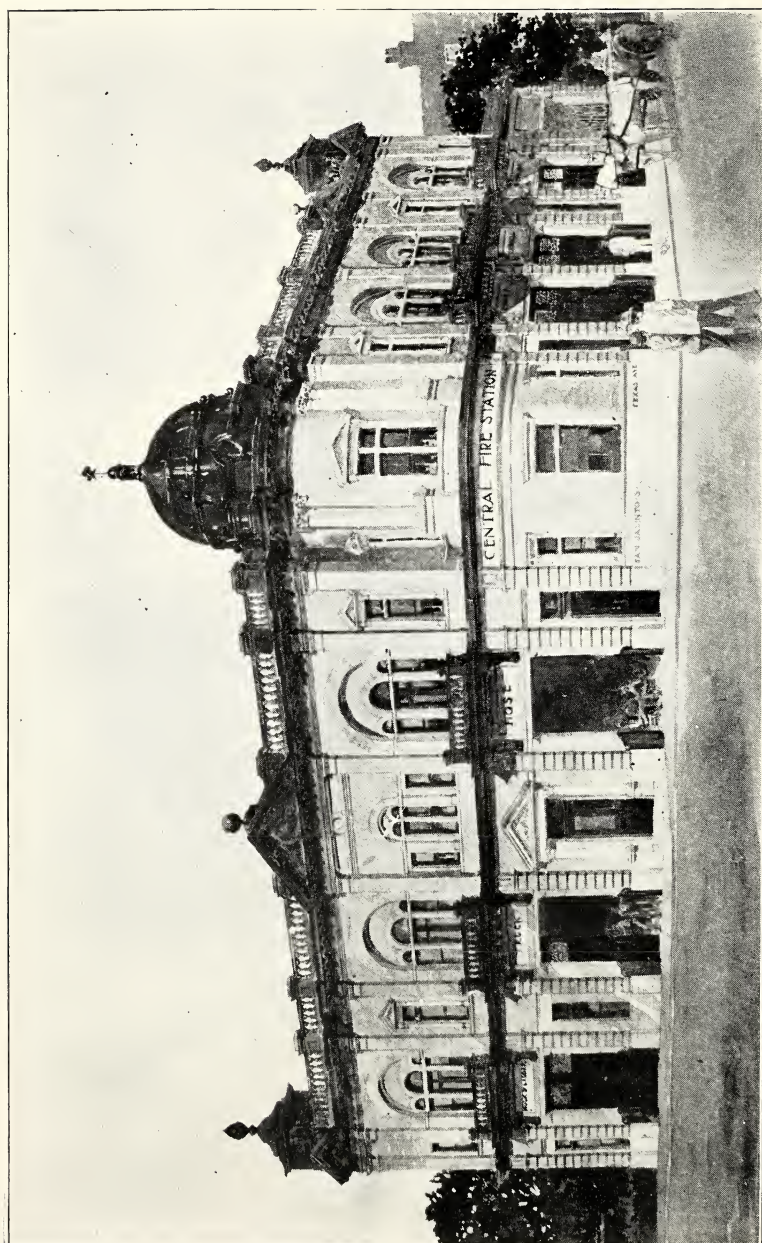
Pound fees.....	\$2,925.80
Fines and costs.....	7,307.35
Dog license.....	550.00
Special details.....	2,624.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$13,407.15</u>

STOLEN PROPOERTY RECOVERED.

Diamonds and jewelry.....	\$10,901.50
Clothing and merchandise.....	2,498.70
Bicycles, pistols, etc.....	1,330.00
United States coin.....	2,279.70
Brass Fittings, etc.....	185.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$17,194.90</u>
Horses and cattle impounded.....	2,139
Total arrests for the year.....	4,322

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. ELLIS,
Chief of Police.



CENTRAL FIRE STATION.
COMPLETED MARCH 1, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

J. P. ARTO,

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I herewith submit this, my annual report for the year 1903. This report contains the actual time of fire service, number of miles traveled, number of feet of hose laid, number of feet of ladders used, number of gallons of chemical fluid used in extinguishing fires, an account of all losses by fire of buildings, contents, the insurance carried and paid, amount of property involved, damage to insured and uninsured buildings and contents, and the total damage to both buildings and their contents for the year.

In this connection, I will call your attention to the fact that our fire alarms for the past year have been far more than any of the past five years. The losses by fire, where no insurance was carried, are conservatively estimated, and are as nearly correct as could be ascertained. This also contains the number of men in service, number of alarms, salary list, and expenses for the year. I have also included other information that I thought might be of interest to you. The time the whole department was in actual service during the year was 1,073 1-2 hours. We have traveled, in answering fire alarms, 939 1-2 miles; have used 4,123 feet of ladders, laid 75,893 feet of hose, have used 5,325 gallons of chemical fluid in extinguishing fires, controlling a greater number of fires with our chemical engine than the past year. During the year, the department responded to 358 alarms, making 58 more than the previous year. Eighty alarms were sent in from the alarm boxes, and 278 were received by telephone. In connection with this, I will say that we are under many obligations to both telephone companies for their promptness in their transmittal of alarms. The telephone operators of both companies have at all times been very prompt and attentive, for which we tender them and their companies our sincere thanks.

Notable Fires of the Year.

The first notable fire of the year occurred on February 16th, about 4:15 p. m., turned in from box 342. Location of fire was at 1010 and 1012 Texas Avenue, owned by L. M. Rich, and occupied by James Bute's paint store, Gibbons' tailor shop, Cox's bicycle shop and offices. The damage to the building and its contents was about \$16,373.68; cause of fire, defective flue; second alarm.

The next fire was on May 16th, at 7:45; turned in from box 21. Location of fire was at 1010 and 1012 Commerce Street; owned by James Converse; occupied as wholesale dry goods store, hardware store, electrical works, and office building. The total loss was about \$26,253.95; cause of fire unknown. General alarm.

The next fire of any consequence was on September 7th, at 8:20; turned in from box 21. Location of fire, 1109 Congress Street, owned by C. J. Koehler; occupied as tailor shop and office building. The total loss to building and contents was \$2,954.62; cause of fire unknown.

On September 23d, 10:10 p. m., an alarm was turned in from box 21. Location of fire, 212 and 214 Fannin Street, Berry Camp, agent; occupied by the Cargill Printing Company. Total loss to building and contents was about \$7,241.73. Cause of fire unknown.

On November 1st, 12:10 a. m., an alarm was turned in from box 31. Location of fire, 609 Main Street, owned by H. Henke. Occupied by A. Hampe, dry goods, and H. C. Bancroft, book store. Total loss to building and contents was \$7,598.12. Cause of fire unknown.

The next fire occurred on December 13th, at 9:40 p. m., turned in from box 16; located on the bank of the bayou, just across the street and in front of the American Brewery, in the Fifth Ward; owned and occupied by Henke & Pillot as warehouse. Total damage to building and contents was \$27,023.00. General alarm. Cause of fire unknown.

Casualties of the Year.

It is impossible to get through the year without some accidents, particularly where a department has been called in service as much as this one. On November 17th, at 11:25 a. m., responding to an

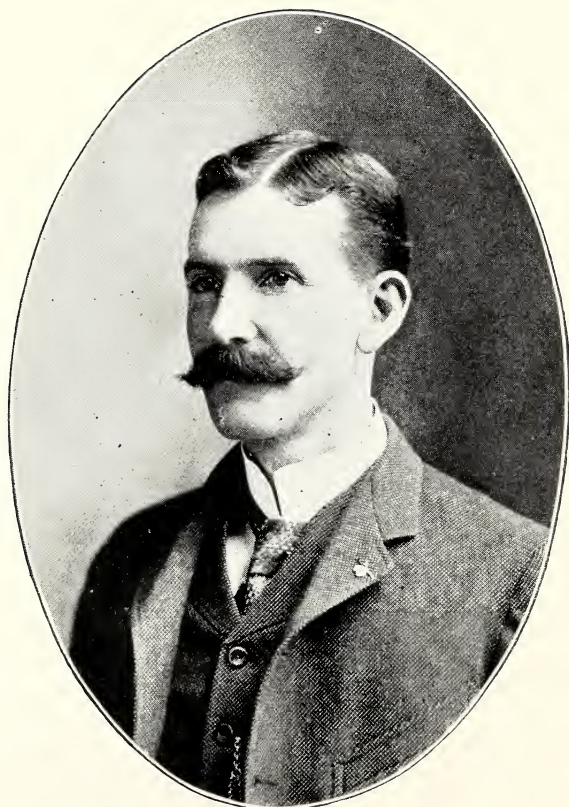
alarm turned in from box 326, one of the horses in steamer No. 7, turning the corner at Milam and McGowen Streets, slipped and fell, breaking one of his legs, which necessitated having him killed. On the same day, about 1:45 p. m., answering an alarm turned in from box 15, truck No. 14 collided with an electric car, killing one of the horses and injuring the other. All of the men escaped injury except Captain Ollre and George Sedwick. Captain Ollre had one of the bones broken in his arm, and Sedwick received injuries to his back and legs, causing both men to be unable for duty for some time.

On the night of December 13th, at 9:40, an alarm was turned in from box 16, the fire being in the warehouse of Henke & Pillot. A ladder was placed against the wall, and Depperman, Gerdes, Brown and Jourde started to ascend with a line of hose. When the men reached about half way, the ladder broke, the men falling to the ground, about twenty-five or thirty feet below. At first it was thought some of the men were fatally hurt, but upon close investigation it was found that no one was dangerously hurt except Austin Jourde, who, we are glad to say, will soon be able to be about.

Classified Expenses.

I herewith submit to you the classified expenses of the Fire Department for the year 1903, which will be seen, by referring to the accompanying page, to be \$64,916.07. You can readily see that it was utterly impossible for me to maintain the department within the budget allowance of \$56,800.00, taking into consideration the increase of salaries to the amount of \$8,190.00. I think the department was run with the greatest economy, and respectfully ask that the appropriation for the ensuing year be made the sum of \$70,000.00; it will be impossible to maintain the department for less.

As you well know, the city limits have been extended, which increases the fire risks and gives the department a great deal more territory to cover, which will also require more apparatus, houses, horses, hose and an additional force. There will be a great deal more repairs to be made on all of the apparatus, as they have been in service a great number of years, and every alarm we have re-



W. W. THOMAS.
ALDERMAN THIRD WARD.
(ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF ALDERMAN
EDGAR WATKINS, NOVEMBER 2, 1903.)

quires one or more to be placed in the repair shop. Several of the fire stations need new floors and repainting, and there are several old horses that should be replaced with new ones.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL EXPENSES FOR
THE YEAR 1903.

Salaries	\$52,161.69
Repairs and renewals of buildings.....	890.56
Repairs and renewals of furniture and bedding.....	44.00
Repairs and renewals of equipment.....	2,773.74
Live stock, replacement and keep.....	4,992.47
Fuel for engines.....	761.75
Lubricants and other engine supplies.....	339.12
Chemicals	48.74
Rent	1,550.00
Lights and heat.....	992.32
Stationery and printing.....	65.05
Other expense.....	296.63

GRAND TOTAL.....\$64,916.07

Fire Committee.

Hon. O. T. Holt, Mayor; Robert L. Jones, Chairman; James Thompson, J. Z. Gaston.

Officers of the Department.

J. P. Arto, Chief Engineer; Herman Disen, Assistant Chief Engineer; E. L. Bensen, Secretary.

Central Station—R. F. Ollre, Captain; Geo. Rafferty, Lieutenant.

Station No. 1—Ed. Deppermann, Captain; Cliff Brown, Lieutenant.

Station No. 5—Ed. Franks, Captain; Harry Rohn, Lieutenant.

Station No. 6—Thos. Martin, Captain; Charles Dortie, Lieutenant.

Station No. 7—Drew King, Captain; Chas. Kinzbach, Lieutenant.

Station No. 8.—Robert Smith, Captain; John Grace, Lieutenant.

Station No. 9—J. W. Miller, Captain; Ed. Shea, Lieutenant.

Station No. 10—A. L. Anderson, Captain; Robert Dewer, Lieutenant.

RECORD SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE ALARMS,
BOX ALARMS, AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
ALARMS TURNED IN DURING THE YEAR.

	Telephone Alarms	Box Alarms	Total Number of Alarms
January	36	11	47
February	28	7	35
March	20	3	23
April	28	11	39
May	19	8	27
June	12	1	13
July	11	5	16
August	10	2	12
September	17	6	23
October	26	5	31
November	31	8	39
December	40	13	53
Total..	278	80	358

TABLE GIVING THE NUMBER OF FRAME BUILDINGS,
NUMBER OF BRICK BUILDINGS, AND OTHER THAN
BUILDINGS THAT CAUGHT FIRE DURING
THE YEAR.

	Frame Bldgs.	Brick Bldgs.	Other than Bldgs.
January	37	6	2
February	33	3	1
March	21	1	1
April	38	4	6
May	31	3	2
June	10	..	2
July	16	2	3
August	9	2	2
September	27	3	2
October	27	5	2
November	36	1	3
December	42	6	6
Total..	327	36	32

Below will be found a comparative of our fire alarms, losses and number of men employed in the Fire Department for the past six years. It will be seen, the alarms for the year 1903 are more than any of the previous five years.

Years	No. of Men Employed	No. of Alarms	Total Damage by Fire to Buildings and Contents
1898.....	55	226	\$157,383.35
1899.....	55	259	178,612.98
1900.....	60	298	239,277.50
1901.....	62	297	253,671.00
1902.....	59	300	62,147.45
1903.....	61	353	144,675.84

We have had six second alarms, two general alarms, and no conflagrations.

Insurance Statistics.

	Insurance on Buildings	Insurance on Contents	Total Insurance Carried	Value of Buildings	Value of Contents	Total Value of Buildings and Contents	Damage to Insured Buildings	Damage to Insured Contents	Damage to Uninsured Contents	Total Damage to Buildings and Contents
January.....	\$357,665.00	\$114,700.00	\$472,365.00	\$317,950.00	\$357,900.00	\$675,850.00	\$3,643.86	\$2,203.80	\$25.00	\$6,018.66
February.....	45,300.00	84,900.00	130,200.00	108,100.00	188,950.00	297,050.00	4,458.83	23,784.42	885.49	29,133.74
March.....	15,450.00	5,600.00	21,050.00	29,300.00	17,700.00	47,000.00	1,326.00	340.30	75.00	1,746.30
April.....	37,075.00	22,600.00	59,675.00	160,600.00	128,985.00	289,585.00	2,258.22	798.54	321.00	3,724.76
May.....	79,150.00	133,200.00	212,350.00	209,100.00	261,000.00	470,100.00	10,250.05	19,186.15	617.00	30,129.20
June.....	15,515.60	4,400.00	19,915.60	35,825.00	27,950.00	63,775.00	35.25	30.00	27.00	142.25
July.....	39,293.00	81,875.00	126,168.00	86,800.00	121,900.00	208,700.00	2,390.00	550.00	30.00	3,015.00
August.....	32,150.00	9,850.00	42,000.00	55,050.00	18,900.00	73,950.00	2,624.50	1,500.00	70.00	4,220.50
September.....	58,675.00	67,100.00	125,775.00	115,600.00	149,550.00	265,150.00	6,955.90	9,689.75	436.50	17,457.15
October.....	26,075.00	7,500.00	33,575.00	78,800.00	62,635.00	140,995.00	145.50	871.00	176.00	1,192.50
November.....	32,500.00	36,900.00	69,400.00	78,800.00	68,590.00	147,300.00	4,874.46	1,222.00	1,120.00	15,382.18
December.....	51,650.00	49,800.00	101,450.00	139,350.00	122,850.00	262,200.00	9,038.10	21,718.00	910.00	32,493.60
Total.....	\$790,498.60	\$623,425.00	\$1,413,923.60	\$1,414,775.00	\$1,526,880.00	\$2,941,655.00	\$48,000.67	\$87,966.68	\$4,692.99	\$144,675.84

The above table of insurance statistics is one that has been carefully compiled by me and my assistants through the year, and can be relied upon as being as near correct as can possibly be obtained. A great deal of this data and information was obtained direct from the local insurance agents and adjusters. In connection herewith, I wish to sincerely thank all local insurance men, as I am under many obligations to them for their uniform kindness and courtesies extended to me.

**Statement of Location and Estimated Value of All
Property Now in Use by the Fire
Department.**

CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

Two Story Brick, Corner San Jacinto Street and Prairie Avenue.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 20,000.00
Aerial ladder.....	3,000.00
Village hook and ladder.....	2,000.00
Holloway chemical engine.....	1,750.00
Second size La France steamer.....	4,000.00
Two Chiefs' buggies.....	400.00
Four sets double harness (complete)....	400.00
Two sets single harness.....	50.00
Eight head of horses.....	1,400.00
Beds and bedding.....	250.00
Sundry supplies.....	1,800.00
One La France heater, in service.....	225.00
One La France heater, not in service....	225.00
Office fixtures.....	100.00
Two wagons, used for hauling purposes..	100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 35,700.00

HOSE COMPANY NO. 1.

Two Story Brick, 612 Fannin Street.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 8,150.00
Hose wagon, combination chemical.....	2,000.00
2000 feet of hose.....	1,900.00
One complete set double harness.....	100.00
Two head of horses.....	350.00
Beds and bedding.....	100.00
Sundry supplies.....	250.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 12,950.00

HOSE COMPANY NO. 5.

Two Story Brick, 910 Hardy Street.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 6,000.00
La France steamer No. 5.....	4,000.00
American heater for steamer.....	225.00
Hose wagon.....	500.00
Two thousand feet of hose.....	1,650.00
Two complete sets double harness.....	200.00
Four head horses.....	700.00
Beds and bedding.....	150.00
Sundry supplies.....	150.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 13,575.00

HOSE COMPANY NO. 6.

Two Story Brick, 1700 Washington Street.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 7,000.00
Combination chemical and hose wagon...	1,500.00
Fourth size La France steamer.....	4,250.00
Two thousand feet of hose.....	1,600.00
One La France heater.....	225.00
Two hundred feet chemical hose.....	100.00
Two complete sets double harness.....	200.00
Four head horses.....	700.00
Beds and bedding.....	150.00
Sundry supplies.....	200.00

TOTAL.....\$ 17,925.00

FIRE STATION NO. 7.

Two Story Brick, Corner Milam and McIlhenny.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 5,500.00
Hose wagon.....	500.00
1,900 feet of hose.....	1,650.00
Fourth size La France engine.....	4,250.00
One American heater.....	225.00
Four head of horses.....	700.00
Beds and bedding.....	150.00
Sundry supplies.....	100.00
Harness	200.00

TOTAL.....\$ 13,275.00

FIRE STATION NO. 8.

Two Story Brick, 1307 Crawford Street.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 7,000.00
Hose wagon.....	750.00
Two thousand feet of hose.....	1,900.00
Harness	200.00
Four head of horses.....	700.00
Heater connected to steamer.....	225.00
Third size American steamer.....	3,850.00
Beds and bedding.....	150.00
Sundry supplies.....	200.00

TOTAL.....\$ 14,975.00

FIRE STATION NO. 9.

Two Story Brick, 810 Keene Street.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 5,000.00
Fifth size rotary steamer (out of serv.)..	3,200.00
Hose wagon.....	400.00
Two head of horses.....	350.00
One horse in reserve.....	100.00
1,900 feet of hose.....	1,520.00
Beds and bedding.....	100.00
Sundry supplies.....	100.00

TOTAL.....\$ 9,770.00

FIRE STATION NO. 10.

Two Story Brick, 205 Chartres Street.

Estimated value of building and lot.....	\$ 7,000.00
Fourth size American steamer.....	4,250.00
One heater attached to steamer.....	225.00
Four head of horses.....	700.00
Harness	200.00
One hose wagon.....	500.00
Two thousand feet of hose.....	1,900.00
Beds and bedding.....	150.00
Sundry supplies.....	150.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 15,075.00

Number of Horses in Service and Their Value at the Various Fire Stations.

Central Fire Station. 8 head of horses.....	\$ 1,400.00
No. 1 Station..... 2 head of horses.....	350.00
No. 5 Station..... 4 head of horses.....	700.00
No. 6 Station..... 4 head of horses.....	700.00
No. 7 Station..... 4 head of horses.....	700.00
No. 8 Station..... 4 head of horses.....	700.00
No. 9 Station..... 2 head of horses in service; 1 reserve.	450.00
No. 10 Station..... 4 head of horses.....	700.00
TOTAL NUMBER.....	33
TOTAL VALUE.....	\$ 5,700.00

Total Value of Property in Use at the Various Fire Stations.

Central Station	\$ 35,700.00
No. 1 Station	12,950.00
No. 5 Station	13,575.00
No. 6 Station	17,925.00
No. 7 Station	13,275.00
No. 8 Station	14,975.00
No. 9 Station	9,770.00
No. 10 Station	15,075.00
TOTAL	\$133,245.00

This does not include the Gamewell Fire Alarm System.

Harness.

The harness in service is all in good condition, with the exception of two or three sets of collars, which should be replaced as soon as possible. We have now in actual use sixteen sets of double harness and two sets of single harness. We also have one complete set of double harness in reserve.

Hose.

Below will be found a statement giving the number of feet of hose we have in good and bad condition, and where it is located:

	In Good Condition.	In Bad Condition.
No. 1 Station	2,000 feet	200 feet
No. 5 Station	2,000 feet	100 feet
No. 6 Station	2,000 feet	50 feet
No. 7 Station	1,900 feet	250 feet
No. 8 Station	2,000 feet	100 feet
No. 9 Station	1,900 feet	100 feet
No. 10 Station	2,000 feet	... feet
TOTAL	13,800 feet	800 feet

We also have 650 feet of good chemical hose.

Apparatus.

We have in service the following apparatus, located at the various stations:

APPARATUS	NO.	LOCATION
Combination chemical and hose wagon.....	1	Station No. 1
Second size La France steamer.....	2	Central Station
Double Holloway chemical engine.....	4	Central Station
First-class hose wagon.....	5	Station No. 5
Combination chemical and hose wagon.....	6	Station No. 6
Fifth size La France steamer.....	* 7	Station No. 9
Third size Clapp and Jones steamer.....	8	Station No. 8
Hose wagon.....	9	Station No. 9
Hose wagon.....	10	Station No. 10
Hose wagon.....	11	Station No. 8
Hose wagon.....	12	Station No. 7
Third size La France steamer.....	13	Station No. 5
Preston hook and ladder.....	14	Central Station
Hay aerial ladder.....	15	Central Station
Fourth size La France steamer.....	16	Station No. 6
Fourth size La France steamer.....	17	Station No. 7
Fourth size American steamer.....	18	Station No. 10
Chief's buggy.....	...	Central Station
Assistant Chief's buggy.....	...	Central Station
Hose reel in reserve.....	...	Station No. 8

*This steamer is not in service.

It will be seen by the above list that we have twenty pieces of apparatus in all, which is kept in the very best of condition. Each piece is fully equipped with chemical fire extinguishers, ropes,



T. W. ARCHER,
ALDERMAN FOURTH WARD.

tools, etc. I think the expense of keeping our apparatus in repair for the coming year will be a great deal less than last year, as the heart of the city is well nigh completely paved.

Number of Water Hydrants in the Various Wards.

First Ward.....	44
Second Ward.....	50
Third Ward.....	189
Fourth Ward.....	124
Fifth Ward.....	119
Sixth Ward.....	53
TOTAL	579

Water Supply.

The city has reached the stage where large fires cannot be controlled with hydrant streams; for small fires, requiring but one or two streams and small pressure, the hydrant streams will be fairly satisfactory. We must, therefore, depend upon our steamers, and to supply them with water at many points needs an increase of larger mains. I recommend that you compel the water company to extend their mains in different portions of the city, and to take out all four-inch mains, of which there are several miles. Also to compel them to put in large hydrants, with not less than three openings, one of them to be a four-inch opening to accommodate an engine.

Theaters.

During the past year there has been in attendance at all places of amusement and where great crowds would congregate, a detail of firemen, whose duty it was to look after the fire risks of the building, as well as the lives of those who would attend at such places. Through this precaution, I am glad to say, that the possibility of a fire was reduced to the minimum.

Inspections.

I have inaugurated a system by which all firemen during the summer months must familiarize themselves with all buildings in the commercial district of the city. I have them go in squads which consists of one man from each station, and make report to me of all combustible material seen during their rounds of inspection.

Fire Cisterns.

I urge that our fire cisterns, located on the corner of Main and Franklin, Main and Congress, Main and Prairie, and Main and Texas Avenue, be thoroughly cleaned, repaired, and put in the best possible condition. Also, that they be connected up with the water mains nearest them with a pipe four inches in diameter, thus making an underground water inlet for immediate use in the case of a fire in the business district of the city.

Improvements.

During the year the old site and building of No. 6 fire station was sold, and a new one purchased, and a modern building erected, at an estimated value of lot and building of about \$7,000.00. I have also placed in service at this station one fourth size La France steamer, with horses, engineer and driver. During the year 4,000 feet of 2 1-2 inch cotton rubber-lined fire hose have been purchased, seven horses, one Monitor nozzle placed on combination wagon No. 1, at a cost of \$200.00. Two Cooper hose jackets, wire cutters, one deluge set, one double set of harness, one set of Berry collars, and one rack of ladders for the village truck at Central Station. The apparatus in service in this department has received a general overhauling, and all necessary repairs were made, including the painting of Nos. 1, 4, 6, 8 and 10, and Chief's and Assistant Chief's buggies.

Buildings.

The different fire stations have all been repaired during the year. The new Central Station is now under construction at the corner of Fannin Street and Texas Avenue, which, when completed, will be one of the finest and most completely arranged fire headquarters in the Southwest, and most likely the largest one in the United States at the present time, costing something over \$30,000.00. The entire architectural effect will be of the renaissance style, of two stories in height and extending 100 feet on each of the intersecting streets. There will be three ten-foot exits on each street, with one entrance at the rear so arranged that all of the apparatus can drive in through this door and take their respective places in a most convenient way, without having to do any

backing. The floor of this rear driveway is sixteen feet wide, and will be used for washing the apparatus. The entire lower floor will be paved with vitrified brick, the stalls with creosoted cypress blocks, connected up with the sewers. On this floor will be a steamer, hose wagon, chemical engine, village truck, and one 85-foot aerial truck. Also Chief's, Assistant Chief's and Electrician's buggies. All of the apparatus will have their own door except the buggies, which will follow each other out. The stalls are so arranged that the horses will stand just to one side and to the rear of the tongues of the apparatus in which they work.

On this floor will be placed the captain's office, in the rounded corner inclosed by railing, where will be placed all the necessary electrical and mechanical apparatus. The doors will slide back in the wall, and will open automatically when the driver is in the seat. There will also be a work shop, feed, harness and supply room. The work shop will be equipped with an electric lathe, drill press and other necessary equipments. The sixteen-foot rear driveway will be one story, on top of which will be racks for drying hose. The main entrance of the second floor will open into a large hall, along which will be the offices and bedrooms. The dormitory of the men will be handsomely furnished and provided with three sliding poles, so arranged that each man will slide to a convenient position near his apparatus.

Each of the rooms will be provided with bath and toilet, and be 15 feet by 15 feet in size; the offices 15 by 20 feet; the dormitory will be 31 by 52 feet, and have a south exposure, with an ornamental balcony at each window, and a staircase to the lower floor on the inside of the building for the use of the men. Occupying the rear corner will be the gymnasium, 42 by 52 feet, fitted with all of the most approved apparatus for the exercise of the men. Between the dormitory and the gymnasium will be the four bath and toilet rooms and lockers for the men. There will be six sliding poles in all.

Recommendations.

I would call your attention to the necessary improvements which should be made in the department during the ensuing year, on account of the new extension of the city limits. I would suggest

that the following fire stations be built, and fully equipped as follows:

One to be built in the Third Ward in the neighborhood of McGowen and Crawford Streets, and fully equipped with horses, combination hose wagon and five men. One in the First Ward, to be placed in the neighborhood of Houston Avenue and Crockett Street, properly equipped with horses, hose wagon and a crew of five men, as this ward is the only one in the city that has no fire station. One in the Fourth Ward, in the neighborhood of San Felipe and Heiner Streets, equipped with hose wagon and five men, as the nearest fire station to this locality is something over a mile. I would further recommend that another station be built in the Fifth Ward, near the locality of Noble and Hardy Streets, equipped with horses, hose wagon and five men, as this would give the taxpayers on the north side of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks improved fire service, which they are badly in need of. Also an addition be built on No. 9 fire station, and the present village truck now in use in the Central Station be placed therein, with horses and three additional men. This company would then cover the territories of the First, Sixth and Fifth Wards. And a new and more up-to-date village truck be purchased and placed at Central Station. The present truck has to make all fires that occur in the city. I would like to have purchased 5,000 feet of 2 1-2 inch cotton, rubber-lined hose, and three dozen fire helmets. These helmets should be bought at once, as they protect the firemen from heat and flying glass, and in many cases keep the men from receiving serious injuries.

Notwithstanding former reports and recommendations regarding the dangerous net-work of overhead telephone and electric wires in the centre of the city, nothing has been done to mitigate the evil, which is becoming worse with each ensuing year.

Remarks.

I wish to extend my thanks to His Honor, the Mayor, the members of the Fire Committee and the City Council, for the valuable improvements which have been added to the Fire Department, in their efforts to build up and maintain its efficiency. I also which

to extend my thanks to the water works company, the City Secretary, City Engineer, the Chief of Police and members of the police force. I also wish to thank the City Electrician and his assistants for their faithful work during the year. My thanks are especially due to the members of this department. Since I have assumed charge of the Fire Department, I have been proud of the general deportment and fidelity to duty of its members. It has been a source of pleasure and gratification to me that their record for discipline, good behavior, promptness, neatness of apparel, buildings and apparatus has been excellent. Their work, either at fires or in the house, will compare most favorably with the fire departments of any of the larger cities. The administration of my duties under such circumstances has been a matter of pleasure and pride to me.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. ARTO,
Chief Fire Department.

Location and Number of Water Hydrants in the City of Houston.

FIRST WARD.

1	Main and Franklin.....	North corner
2	Main and Commerce.....	West corner
3	Travis and Commerce.....	West corner
4	Milam and Commerce.....	South corner
5	Franklin and Commerce.....	South corner
6	Franklin and Milam.....	South corner
7	Louisiana and Congress.....	East corner
8	Washington and Third.....	North corner
9	Sixth and Railroad.....	East corner
10	Sixth and Girard.....	East corner
11	Washington and Fifth.....	South corner
12	Washington and Seventh.....	East corner
13	Washington and Tenth.....	West corner
14	Houston Ave. and Railroad.....	East corner
15	Houston Ave. and Dart.....	South corner
16	Houston Ave. and Edwards.....	South corner
17	Edwards and Hickory.....	East corner

18	Edwards and Oak.....	East corner
19	Edwards and Holly.....	East corner
20	Edwards and Beach.....	East corner
21	Houston Ave. and Bingham.....	South corner
22	Houston Ave. and Winter.....	South corner
23	Houston Ave. and Summer.....	South corner
24	Houston Ave. and Crockett.....	South corner
25	Houston Ave. and Spring.....	East corner
26	Crockett and Colorado.....	South corner
27	Bingham and Johnson.....	East corner
28	Summer and Oak.....	North corner
29	Railroad and Second.....	East corner
30	Girard and First.....	North corner
31	Railroad and Third.....	South corner
32	Sabine and Crockett.....	South corner
33	Sabine and Winter.....	East corner
34	Edwards and Colorado.....	East corner
35	Holly and Bingham.....	North corner
36	Holly and Crockett.....	South corner
37	Holly and Summer.....	North corner
38	Crockett and Oak.....	West corner
39	Alamo and Houston Ave.....	North corner
40	Alamo and Colorado.....	East corner
41	Colorado and Spring.....	East corner
42	Crockett and Beach.....	East corner
43	Crockett and Elder.....	West corner
44	Girard and Second.....	South corner

SECOND WARD.

1	Congress and Dowling.....	North corner
2	Main and Franklin.....	South corner
3	Congress and Main.....	East corner
4	Franklin and Fannin.....	West corner
5	Commerce and San Jacinto.....	West corner
6	Franklin and San Jacinto.....	West corner
7	Franklin and Caroline.....	West corner
8	Franklin and La Branch.....	North corner
9	Commerce and Crawford.....	South corner
10	Franklin and Jackson.....	West corner
11	Franklin and Chenevert.....	West corner
12	Franklin and Hamilton.....	North corner
13	Franklin and Chartres.....	North corner
14	Franklin and St. Emanuel.....	East corner
15	Commerce and Hutchins.....	North corner
16	Commerce and St. Emanuel.....	South corner

17	Commerce and Broadway.....	East corner
18	Commerce and Buffalo.....	North corner
19	German and Mt. Zion Church.....	South corner
20	German and I. & G. N. Place.....	East corner
21	Maple and Chartres.....	South corner
22	Magnolia and Chartres.....	North corner
23	Commerce and Chenevert.....	West corner
24	Commerce and Chartres.....	North corner
25	Maple and Hamilton.....	South corner
26	Magnolia and Chenevert.....	West corner
27	Jackson and Magnolia.....	West corner
28	Lyle and Spruce.....	North corner
29	Gabel and Bramble.....	North corner
30	Gabel and Race.....	North corner
31	Buffalo and Runnels.....	North corner
32	Buffalo and German.....	North corner
33	German and Holly Place.....	East corner
34	Engelke and Pleiss.....	North corner
35	Engelke and Grand.....	North corner
36	Engelke and Middle.....	North corner
37	Middle and Fox.....	West corner
38	Middle and Freund.....	North corner
39	Commerce and Main.....	East corner
40	Commerce and Live Oak.....	East corner
41	Commerce and Rice.....	East corner
42	Commerce and Shepherd.....	East corner
43	Commerce and Paige.....	East corner
44	Commerce and Ennis.....	East corner
45	Commerce and Palmer.....	East corner
46	I. & G. N. and Maple.....	East corner
47	I. & G. N. and Runnels.....	East corner
48	Commerce and Fannin.....	East corner
49	Congress and Jackson.....	North corner
50	Congress and St. Emanuel.....	North corner

THIRD WARD.

1	Congress and Austin.....	East corner
2	Tuam and Fannin.....	South corner
3	San Jacinto and Drew.....	South corner
4	Tuam and Caroline.....	North corner
5	Austin and Drew.....	North corner
6	Tuam and La Branch.....	North corner
7	Tuam and Jackson.....	North corner
8	Dennis and Jackson.....	North corner
9	McGowen and Chenevert.....	West corner

10	McGowen and Crawford.....	South corner
11	McGowen and Austin.....	South corner
12	McGowen and San Jacinto.....	North corner
13	Main and Drew.....	South corner
14	Main and McGowen.....	South corner
15	Main and McIlhenny.....	South corner
16	Main and Calhoun.....	South corner
17	Main and Pease.....	South corner
18	Main and Bell.....	South corner
19	Fannin and Jefferson.....	South corner
20	Fannin and Clay.....	North corner
21	Fannin and Dallas.....	North corner
22	Fannin and McIlhenny.....	North corner
23	Fannin and Walker.....	North corner
24	Fannin and Preston.....	North corner
25	Fannin and Preston.....	East corner
26	Chartres and Walker.....	North corner
27	San Jacinto and Pease.....	South corner
28	San Jacinto and Jefferson.....	South corner
29	Rusk and San Jacinto.....	North corner
30	Rusk and Main.....	East corner
31	Rusk and Austin.....	North corner
32	Rusk and Crawford.....	North corner
33	Rusk and Jackson.....	North corner
34	Rusk and Chenevert.....	West corner
35	Rusk and Hamilton.....	North corner
36	Rusk and Chartres.....	East corner
37	Rusk and Dowling.....	West corner
38	Rusk and St. Charles.....	East corner
39	Rusk and Rice.....	East corner
40	Texas Ave. and St. Charles.....	West corner
41	St. Charles and Prairie.....	West corner
42	Preston and St. Charles.....	West corner
43	Texas Ave. and Dowling.....	West corner
44	Congress and Hutchins.....	West corner
45	Congress and Chartres.....	West corner
46	Congress and Chenevert.....	West corner
47	Congerss and Crawford.....	West corner
48	Prairie and St. Emanuel.....	East corner
49	Chartres and Preston.....	East corner
50	Prairie and Chartres.....	West corner
51	Texas Ave. and Chartres.....	South corner
52	Capitol and Chartres.....	South corner
53	Texas Ave. and Hamilton.....	North corner
54	Prairie and Hamilton.....	North corner



STEVE N. GARVEY,
ALDERMAN FIFTH WARD.

55	Prairie and Chenevert.....	West corner
56	Texas Ave. and Chenevert.....	West corner
57	Texas Ave. and Jackson.....	North corner
58	Prairie and Jackson.....	North corner
59	Texas Ave. and Crawford.....	West corner
60	Capitol and La Branch.....	North corner
61	Prairie and La Branch.....	North corner
62	Prairie and Austin.....	North corner
63	Prairie and Austin.....	West corner
64	Prairie and Caroline.....	East corner
65	Preston and Caroline.....	East corner
66	Preston and Caroline.....	West corner
67	Congress and Caroline.....	South corner
68	Congress and San Jacinto.....	South corner
69	Congress and Fannin.....	South corner
70	Preston and Main.....	South corner
71	Texas Ave. and Main.....	South corner
72	Texas Ave. and San Jacinto.....	West corner
73	Prairie and San Jacinto.....	South corner
74	San Jacinto and McKinney.....	South corner
75	San Jacinto and Lamar.....	North corner
76	San Jacinto and Dallas.....	West corner
77	San Jacinto and Polk.....	South corner
78	San Jacinto and Clay.....	North corner
79	San Jacinto and Bell.....	South corner
80	Caroline and Jefferson.....	South corner
81	San Jacinto and Pierce.....	North corner
82	San Jacinto and Webster.....	North corner
83	Caroline and Webster.....	West corner
84	San Jacinto and McIlhenny.....	North corner
85	Caroline and McIlhenny.....	North corner
86	Austin and Webster.....	West corner
88	Austin and Gray.....	North corner
89	Austin and Calhoun.....	South corner
90	Austin and Leeland.....	South corner
91	Austin and Pease.....	South corner
92	Austin and Bell.....	West side
93	Austin and Clay.....	South corner
94	Austin and Polk.....	West corner
95	La Branch and Dallas.....	North corner
96	Austin and Dallas.....	South corner
97	Caroline and Dallas.....	North corner
98	Austin and Lamar.....	West corner
99	Austin and McKinney.....	South corner
100	McKinney and Caroline.....	North corner

101	Chartres and Clay.....	North corner
102	Austin and Leeland.....	North corner
103	Hamilton and Leeland.....	West corner
104	Crawford and Leeland.....	South corner
105	La Branch and Leeland.....	North corner
106	Crawford and Pease.....	North corner
107	Jackson and McIlhenny.....	East corner
108	Jackson and Webster.....	North corner
109	Jackson and Pierce.....	North corner
110	Jackson and Jefferson.....	North corner
111	Jackson and Leeland.....	East corner
112	Crawford and Bell.....	North corner
113	Jackson and Bell.....	North corner
114	Jackson and Clay.....	North corner
115	Crawford and Polk.....	South corner
116	Jackson and Jefferson.....	North corner
117	Jackson and Dallas.....	East corner
118	Jackson and Lamar.....	North corner
119	Crawford and Lamar.....	South corner
120	McKinney and Crawford.....	North corner
121	McKinney and Chenevert.....	East corner
122	McKinney and Chartres.....	North corner
123	Chartres and Dallas.....	North corner
124	McKinney and St. Emanuel.....	North corner
125	McKinney and Hutchins.....	East corner
126	McKinney and Dowling.....	North corner
127	Congress and Broadway.....	West corner
128	Prairie and Broadway.....	East corner
129	Hutchins and Jefferson.....	North corner
130	Hutchins and Leeland.....	West corner
131	Pease and St. Emanuel.....	South corner
132	Capitol and Crawford.....	South corner
133	Capitol and Chenevert.....	South corner
134	Gray and La Branch.....	South corner
135	Gray and Crawford.....	South corner
136	Fannin and Polk.....	East corner
137	Fannin and Leeland.....	North side
138	Fannin and Pierce.....	North corner
139	Fannin and Webster.....	North corner
140	Fannin and Lamar.....	North corner
141	Fannin and McGowen.....	North corner
142	Fannin and McIlhenny.....	North corner
143	Fannin and Drew.....	North corner
144	Texas and Caroline.....	North corner
145	Clay and La Branch.....	East corner

146	Clay and Caroline.....	North corner
147	Caroline and Capitol.....	West corner
148	Caroline and Walker.....	East corner
149	Hamilton and Lamar.....	West corner
150	Chenevert and Dallas.....	East corner
151	Crawford and Calhoun.....	East corner
152	Crawford and Pierce.....	East corner
153	Preston and La Branch.....	North corner
154	Preston and Crawford.....	East corner
155	Preston and Chenevert.....	East corner
156	Preston and Hamilton.....	East corner
157	Chenevert and Gray.....	West corner
158	Hamilton and Gray.....	West corner
159	Preston and Hutchins.....	East corner
160	Preston and Dowling.....	North corner
161	Lamar and La Branch.....	East corner
162	Caroline and Leeland.....	North corner
163	Caroline and Calhoun.....	West corner
164	Pierce and La Branch.....	West corner
165	Pierce and Chenevert.....	South corner
166	Pierce and Chartres.....	West corner
167	San Jacinto and Leeland.....	West corner
168	Chartres and Jefferson.....	South corner
169	Chartres and Pease.....	West corner
170	Caroline and Gray.....	North corner
171	Prairie and Fannin.....	North corner
172	Texas and Fannin.....	East corner
173	Main and Prairie.....	East corner
174	Hamilton and Polk.....	West corner
175	Hamilton and Clay.....	East corner
176	Clay and Chenevert.....	East corner
177	Crawford and Webster.....	West corner
178	Crawford and Hadley.....	South corner
179	Buffalo and Harrisburg Road.....	East corner
180	Ennis and Harrisburg Road.....	East corner
181	Main and Walker.....	South corner
182	Main and Capitol.....	East corner
183	Jackson and Hadley.....	North corner
184	Crawford and McIlhenny.....	South corner
185	Crawford and Bremond.....	West corner
186	Capitol and Fannin.....	South corner
187	Chartres and Gray.....	West corner
188	Chartres and Webster.....	West corner
189	Austin and Jefferson.....	South corner

FOURTH WARD.

1	Preston and Louisiana.....	North corner
2	Preston and Smith.....	North corner
3	Preston and Travis.....	North corner
4	Preston and Travis.....	South corner
5	Preston and Milam.....	West corner
6	Preston and Milam.....	East corner
7	Prairie and Milam.....	South corner
8	Texas and Milam.....	West corner
9	Capitol and Louisiana.....	South corner
10	Capitol and Smith.....	South corner
11	Capitol and Bagby.....	South corner
12	Rusk, between Bagby and Brazos.....	South corner
13	Rusk and Brazos.....	East corner
14	Rusk and Louisiana.....	North corner
15	Rusk and Milam.....	South corner
16	McKinney and Milam.....	North corner
17	McKinney and Smith.....	East corner
18	McKinney and Brazos.....	East corner
19	McKinney and Bagby.....	North corner
20	Lamar and Louisiana.....	North corner
21	Milam and Lamar.....	South corner
22	Milam and Polk.....	North corner
23	Milam and Dallas.....	East corner
24	Milam and Bell.....	East corner
25	Milam and Pease.....	North corner
26	Milam and Jefferson.....	South corner
27	Milam and Pierce.....	North corner
28	Milam and Webster.....	North corner
29	Louisiana and Hadley.....	South corner
30	Louisiana and McIlhenny.....	South corner
31	Louisiana and McGowen.....	East corner
32	Louisiana and Dennis.....	South corner
33	Louisiana and Tuam.....	South corner
34	Louisiana and Rosalie.....	South corner
35	Louisiana and Elgin.....	West corner
36	Brazos and Elgin.....	West corner
37	Brazos and Anita.....	North corner
38	Brazos and Drew.....	North corner
39	Brazos and McGowen.....	North corner
40	Main and Tuam.....	West corner
41	Travis and McGowen.....	North corner
43	Travis and Hadley.....	North corner
44	Main and Hadley.....	North corner

45	Main and Gray.....	West corner
46	Travis and Pierce.....	West corner
47	Travis and Jefferson.....	North corner
48	Main and Leeland.....	West corner
49	Travis and Leeland.....	West corner
50	Main and Clay.....	West corner
51	Travis and Clay.....	West corner
52	Travis and Dallas.....	West corner
53	Main and Dallas.....	North corner
54	Main and McKinney.....	North corner
55	Travis and McKinney.....	West corner
56	Travis and Rusk.....	North corner
57	Main and Capitol.....	West corner
58	Travis and Texas.....	West corner
59	Travis and Prairie.....	North corner
60	Travis and Congress.....	West corner
61	Milam and Congress.....	South corner
62	Main and Preston.....	North corner
63	Main and Congress.....	West corner
64	Louisiana and Gray.....	West corner
65	Main and Prairie.....	West corner
66	Webster and Smith.....	South corner
67	Webster and Brazos.....	North corner
68	Brazos and Pierce.....	South corner
69	Louisiana and Pierce.....	West corner
70	Louisiana and Calhoun.....	South corner
71	Louisiana and Leeland.....	South corner
72	Louisiana and Clay.....	East corner
73	Polk and Smith.....	East corner
74	Dallas and Smith.....	East corner
75	Brazos and San Felipe.....	West corner
76	Bagby and San Felipe.....	North corner
77	San Felipe and Baldwin.....	North corner
78	San Felipe and Fuller.....	North corner
79	San Felipe and Heiner.....	South corner
80	San Felipe and Burton.....	North corner
81	San Felipe and Meyer.....	South corner
82	San Felipe and Valentine.....	East corner
83	San Felipe and Lion.....	North corner
84	San Felipe and Wilson.....	South corner
85	Fuller and Robin.....	North corner
86	Robin and Fredericks.....	North corner
87	Bagby and Webster.....	South corner
88	Sherman and Arnold.....	West corner
89	Arnold and Matthews.....	West corner

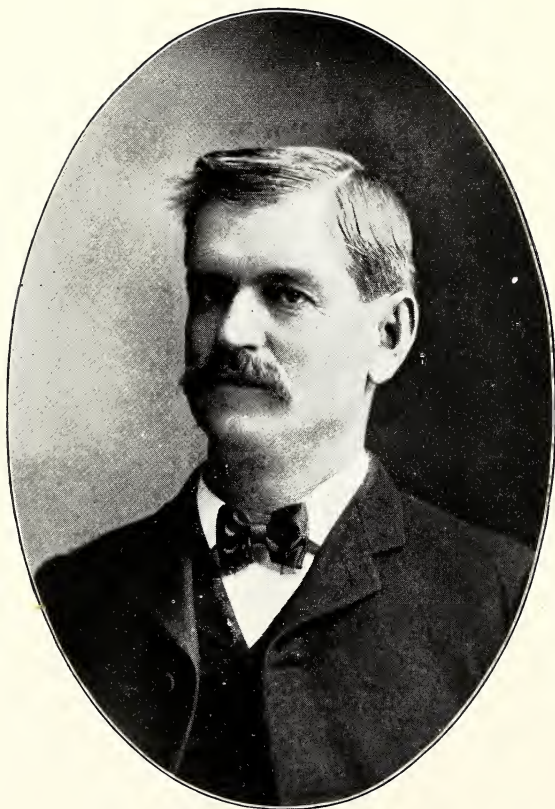
90	O'Neill and Wilson.....	South corner
91	Wilson and Victor.....	South corner
92	Wilson and Ruthven.....	South corner
93	Wilson and Robin.....	South corner
94	Louisiana and McKinney.....	East corner
95	Louisiana and Polk.....	South corner
96	Louisiana and Jefferson.....	South corner
97	Lamar and Travis.....	East corner
98	Bagby and Hadley.....	North corner
99	Bagby and Gray.....	North corner
100	Bagby and Calhoun.....	North corner
101	Bagby and Dallas.....	North corner
102	Bagby and Walker.....	West corner
103	Fuller and Hobson.....	East corner
104	Fuller and Hardcastle.....	East corner
105	Capitol and Travis.....	North corner
106	Main and Texas.....	North corner
107	Main and Rosalie.....	North corner
108	Main and Elgin.....	West corner
109	Elgin and Travis.....	West corner
110	Elgin and Milam.....	West corner
111	Milam and McIlhenny.....	West corner
112	Milam and McGowen.....	South corner
113	Dallas and City Park.....	East corner
114	Main and Francis.....	West corner
115	Main and Stewart.....	West corner
116	Main and Holman.....	West corner
117	Holman and Travis.....	West corner
118	Holman and Milam.....	West corner
119	Holman and Louisiana.....	East corner
120	Louisiana and Clay.....	East corner
121	Louisiana and Clay.....	West corner
122	Louisiana and Lamar.....	South corner
123	Prairie and Smith.....	East corner
124	Prairie and Louisiana.....	East corner

FIFTH WARD.

1	Baker and Walnut.....	North corner
2	Baker and Pine.....	North corner
3	Willow and Allen.....	South corner
4	Willow and Steam Mill.....	East corner
5	Willow and Wood.....	North corner
6	Wood and Walnut.....	North corner
7	Walnut and Sterrett.....	South corner
8	Sterrett and Richey.....	North corner

9	Sterrett and Williams.....	North corner
10	Sterrett and McKee.....	East corner
11	Nance and Hardy.....	North corner
12	Nance and Maury.....	North corner
13	Nance and Semmes.....	East corner
14	Nance and Bremond.....	South corner
15	Nance and Maury.....	South corner
16	Nance and Hill.....	East corner
17	Hill and Sterrett.....	North corner
18	Hill and Stuart.....	North corner
19	Hill and Morgan.....	North corner
20	Hill and Glass.....	East corner
21	Hill and Conti.....	South corner
22	Odin and Jameson.....	West corner
23	Odin and Clark.....	West corner
24	Odin and McMillan.....	West corner
25	Odin and Carr.....	East corner
26	Odin and Mary.....	West corner
27	Odin and West.....	West corner
28	Odin and Semmes.....	South corner
29	Providence and Semmes.....	South corner
30	Providence and Mary.....	North corner
31	Mary and Liberty.....	North corner
32	Liberty and Semmes.....	East corner
33	Liberty and Maffit.....	North corner
34	Providence and Maffit.....	South corner
35	Liberty and Elysian.....	West corner
36	Providence and Maury.....	South corner
37	Liberty and Hardy.....	West corner
38	Nance and Charles.....	West corner
39	Providence and Chapman.....	North corner
40	McKee and Conti.....	South corner
41	McKee and Liberty.....	North corner
42	Providence and Hardy.....	South corner
43	Conti and Elysian.....	West corner
44	Elysian and New Orleans.....	West corner
45	Hardy and Opelousas.....	South corner
46	Hardy and Burnette.....	West corner
47	Hardy and Marion.....	North corner
48	Hardy and Loraine.....	North corner
49	Loraine and Terry.....	East corner
50	Waverly and Everett.....	North corner
51	Montgomery and Pinckney.....	South corner
52	Montgomery and Waverly.....	South corner
53	South and Waverly.....	North corner

54	Montgomery and Daly Place.....	West corner
55	Montgomery, near New Orleans.....	North corner
56	Liberty and Richey.....	North corner
57	Willow and Shea.....	North corner
58	Montgomery and Wood.....	East corner
59	Hill and Shiloh.....	North corner
60	Hill and Foote.....	West corner
61	Brooks and McKee.....	East corner
62	Brooks and Chapman.....	East corner
63	Waverly and Gano.....	East corner
64	Waverly and Gentry.....	East corner
65	Odin and Dechaumes.....	East corner
66	Lyons and Grove.....	West corner
67	Semmes and Opelousas.....	East corner
68	Vine and New Orleans.....	East corner
69	Vine and Conti.....	West corner
70	Vine and Shea.....	West corner
71	Providence and Walnut.....	South corner
72	Providence and Richey.....	South corner
73	Montgomery and James.....	South corner
74	Hogan and Freeman.....	North corner
75	Hogan and Chestnut.....	North corner
76	Chestnut and Pinckney.....	West corner
77	Chestnut and Harrington.....	North corner
78	Hogan and Fulton.....	North corner
79	Hogan and Marion.....	North corner
80	Hogan and Gano.....	North corner
81	Hogan and Chapman.....	North corner
82	Hardy and James.....	West corner
83	Hardy and Noble.....	North corner
84	Noble and Terry.....	North corner
85	Noble and Gano.....	East corner
86	West and Providence.....	East corner
87	Hogan and Keene.....	East corner
88	Hogan and Fletcher.....	West corner
89	Noble and Cochran.....	East corner
90	Liberty and West.....	North corner
91	Cochran and Lee.....	East corner
92	Cochran and Campbell.....	East corner
93	Noble and Marion.....	East corner
94	Paschal and Common.....	West corner
95	Paschal and Fulton.....	North corner
96	Loraine and Elysian.....	East corner
97	Loraine and Maury.....	West corner
98	Sumpter and Maury.....	West corner



ROBT. L. JONES,
ALDERMAN FIFTH WARD.

99	Maury and Noble.....	West corner
100	Elysian and Noble.....	North corner
101	Paschal and Gentry.....	North corner
102	Allen and Walnut	South corner
103	Steam Mill and Walnut.....	South corner
104	Lee and Chapman.....	West corner
105	Campbell and Chapman.....	West corner
106	Keene and Pinckney.....	East corner
107	Montgomery and Shea.....	South corner
108	Montgomery and Schilling Place.....	South corner
109	Montgomery and Paschal.....	South corner
110	Loraine and Maffit.....	North corner
111	Loraine and Semmes.....	North corner
112	Loraine and Chase.....	East corner
113	Loraine and Mary.....	East corner
114	Loraine and West.....	East corner
115	Loraine and Carr.....	East corner
116	Loraine and Stevens.....	North corner
117	Stevens and Sumpter.....	North corner
118	Sumpter and Davis.....	North corner
119	Sumpter and Clark.....	North corner

SIXTH WARD.

1	Washington and Taylor.....	West corner
2	Hemphill and Union.....	West corner
3	Decatur and Henderson.....	South corner
4	Lubbock and Henderson.....	East corner
5	Decatur and White.....	South corner
6	Decatur, between Silver and Sabine.....	South corner
7	Silver and Kane.....	North corner
8	Silver and Lubbock.....	East corner
9	State and White.....	North corner
10	State, between Sabine and Silver.....	South corner
11	Lubbock and Sabine.....	West corner
12	Colorado and Lubbock.....	North corner
13	Moore and Sabine.....	East corner
14	Moore and Trinity.....	North corner
15	Moore and Houston Ave.....	North corner
16	Houston Ave. and Lubbock.....	North corner
17	Colorado and Bismarck.....	South corner
18	Washington and Colorado.....	West corner
19	State and Trinity.....	West corner
20	Stanley, between Lubbock and State.....	West corner
21	Youngs Avenue, between State and Moore.....	West corner
22	Youngs Avenue, between Kane and Lubbock.....	West corner

23	Preston and Washington.....	South corner
24	Preston and Tenth.....	North corner
25	Cushman Place.....	West corner
26	Washington and Ninth.....	South corner
27	Hemphill and Kane.....	North corner
28	Washington, between Tenth and Oak.....	North corner
29	Center and Silver.....	North corner
30	Silver and Railroad.....	South corner
31	Silver and Dart.....	South corner
32	Washington and Trinity.....	West corner
33	State and Henderson.....	South corner
34	State and Hemphill.....	South corner
35	Hemphill and Railroad.....	West corner
36	Henderson and Center.....	East corner
37	White and Kane.....	South corner
38	Kane and Henderson.....	South corner
39	Kane and Sabine.....	West corner
40	Decatur and Hemphill.....	West corner
41	Decatur and Taylor.....	North corner
42	Washington and Youngs Avenue.....	North corner
43	Washington and Houston Ave.....	North corner
44	Washington and Sabine.....	North corner
45	Washington and Silver.....	North corner
46	Washington and Henderson.....	East corner
47	Center and Hemphill.....	West corner
48	Center and Taylor.....	East corner
49	Washington and Oliver.....	North corner
50	Railroad and Sawyer.....	North corner
51	Center and Brashear.....	East corner
52	Sabine and Edwards.....	East corner
53	Silver and Edwards.....	East corner

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

CLARENCE R. GEORGE,

CITY ELECTRICIAN,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1903. This report contains a full and accurate statement of all matters of interest pertaining to this department, together with a valuation of the entire fire alarm system, as used in the central fire alarm office and the engine houses, the outside construction of wires, signal boxes and other fixtures belonging thereto. Also inspections of houses wired for electric service, permits issued for electric wiring, expenses and receipts, with recommendations for the coming year, with improvements and betterment of the system.

The following tabulated statement shows the expense of this department for the year ending December 31, 1903, giving salaries of Superintendent, Inspector, renewals and repairs to fire alarm telegraph, and other expense:

MONTH	Salaries of Superintendent and Inspector	Renewals and Repairs to Fire Alarm Telegraph	Other Expense	Total Each Month
January	\$ 300.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 7.75	\$ 345.2
February	300.00	.....	23.11	323.1
March	215.00	85.00	33.07	333.0
June	215.00	109.00	1.25	325.2
April	215.00	86.75	14.75	316.5
May	215.00	307.60	6.25	528.8
July	225.00	90.00	72.00	387.0
August	225.00	90.00	28.75	343.7
September	225.00	103.00	5.25	333.2
October	225.00	91.62	3.75	320.3
November	225.00	173.53	106.90	505.4
December	225.00	90.00	8.25	323.2
TOTALS	\$2,810.00	\$1,264.00	\$ 311.08	\$4,385.0

The following is a close estimate of the expense for this department, in the way of salaries, repairs to fire alarm telegraph, and other expense for the coming year. The salaries will be somewhat in excess of those of the previous year, on account of the fact that the inspector's and linemen's salaries have been increased, which increase was ratified in the month of July, last, and has been in effect since that time:

Salaries for the Year.....	\$3,780.00
Repairs and Renewals to Fire Alarm Telegraph...	500.00
Other Expenses	220.00
Total for the Year.....	<u>\$4,500.00</u>

Following is the total value of equipment of the fire alarm system:

Central Fire Alarm Office	\$ 4,316.75
Central Fire Station	1,107.00
Engine House No. 1.....	298.50
Engine House No. 5.....	253.50
Engine House No. 6.....	305.25
Engine House No. 7.....	265.50
Engine House No. 8.....	305.00
Engine House No. 9.....	268.50
Engine House No. 10.....	299.00
Outside construction throughout the city, including all alarm boxes and other fixtures pertaining thereto..	13,857.20
	<u>\$21,276.20</u>

The above figures do not include the number of private alarm boxes attached to the system, and do not contain the large amount of material furnished to the city by the telephone companies, which is of considerable value, and has been the means of saving several thousand dollars to the City of Houston for such material as is used in the construction of the fire alarm lines.

Location of Fire Alarm Boxes.

FIRST WARD.

12 Holly and Edwards.	16 Waters-Pierce Oil Co. Ware-
13 Washington and Seventh.	house, Washington and 3d.
14 Houston and Edwards.	112 Holly and Crockett.
15 Houston and Crockett.	113 Sabine and Summer.
	114 Alamo and Colorado.

SECOND WARD.

21	Main and Franklin (keyless door starting box).	26	Chenevert and Magnolia.
23	Congress and Austin.	28	Buffalo and Commerce.
24	Lyle and I. & G. N. Crossing.	212	Engelke and Grand.
25	Congress and Dowling, I. & G. N. Passenger Depot.	213	No. 10 Engine House, 205 Chartres.

THIRD WARD.

31	Main and Capitol (keyless door starting box).	323	Crawford and Jefferson.
32	Main and McKinney.	324	No. 8 Engine House, 1317 Crawford.
34	Texas and La Branch.	325	Gray and Caroline.
35	Preston and Chenevert.	326	Main and McGowen.
36	Austin and McKinney.	327	Jackson and Dennis.
37	Main and Pease.	331	McGowen and Austin.
312	Jackson and Rusk.	332	Chenevert and Pierce.
313	Austin and Pease.	334	Harrisburg Rd. and Roberts.
314	Live Oak and Rusk.	341	Central Fire Station.
315	Chartres and McKinney.	342	Texas and Chartres.
316	McKinney and Dowling.	343	Jefferson and St. Emanuel.
321	Chartres and Bell.		

FOURTH WARD.

41	Main and Preston (keyless door starting box).	412	San Felipe and Meyer.
42	Milam and Congress (keyless door starting box).	413	Brazos and Gray.
43	Capitol and Louisiana.	414	Main and Clay.
44	Rice Hotel Office (private box owned by same).	416	Milam and Leeland.
45	Milam and McKinney.	421	Smith and Tuam.
46	Dallas and Smith.	422	No. 7 Engine House, 2503 Milam.
47	San Felipe and Bagby.	423	Preston and Smith (dummy box).

FIFTH WARD.

51	Willow and Wood.	517	No. 9 Engine House, 810 Keene.
52	Liberty and Chapman.	521	Hill and foot of Hill Street Bridge.
53	Montgomery and Shea.	523	No. 5 Engine House, 910 Hardy.
54	Nance and Hill.	524	Odin and Lyons.
56	Conti and Maffit.	525	Odin and Clark.
57	Hardy and Opelousas.	531	Brooks and Hardy.
512	Odin and Carr.	532	Sumpter and Carr.
513	Loraine and Maury.	533	West and So. Pac. Crossing.
514	Harrington and Chestnut.		
515	Noble and Terry.		
516	Hogan and Fulton.		

SIXTH WARD.

61	Preston and Cushman Place.	612	No. 6 Engine House, 1700 Washington.
62	Washington and Houston.	613	Silver and Edwards.
63	Sabine and State.	614	Henderson and Center.
65	Henderson and Kane.		
67	Washington and Taylor.		

Inspections and Permits.

Number of Permits issued to wire for electric light and power service	1,145
Number of Inspections of electric light and power service....	1,145
Number of Permits to use electric light and power service....	986
Number of Permits to erect poles	147
Number of Poles Inspected	1,278
Revenue for Inspections	\$2,258.05
Revenue from Miscellaneous	354.00
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$2,612.05

Referring to the above inspections, these figures only show one trip to each place where the work was in course of construction, but in nine out of every ten cases it is necessary to make from three to five inspections on each job in course of construction, so that we may be positively assured that there is no chance of fire caused by defects in the electric wiring. In electric wiring, special attention must be paid to the mechanical execution of the work. Careful and neat installation of the wires and fixtures thereto, fittings and approved material are the only kind allowed installed by this office, and for such information, I keep in constant touch with the electrical experts of the National Board of Underwriters' Laboratory, where all the latest electric appliances are sent for their examination and approval. Not only do the people having their building wired for electrical service get the assurance of being safe from fire caused by defective wires, but they also get the latest approved material.

Recommendation for New Fire Alarm Boxes.

On account of the city limits having been extended, I would recommend that at least one hundred (100) more new fire alarm boxes be purchased, and distributed throughout the present and new city limits. With the present number of boxes in operation, the loss of much valuable time is often made necessary, because of the nearest alarm box being so far distant from the scene of the fire, where every second is of value, and the loss of this time, at the breaking out of a fire frequently results in the destruction of much property, which might otherwise have been saved if an alarm box were in the immediate vicinity, which would thereby allow the department to respond much more quickly. We receive quite a number of alarms

by the use of the telephone, which is well in its place, but entirely too inadequate compared with the fire alarm box for rapid transmission of alarms. And in a great many cases that we have had to occur, where we receive the alarms over telephones, during the excitement that is generally aroused at the time of a fire, it is sometimes difficult to get an intelligent transmission of the exact location. There having been several instances in which streets having similar names were misconstrued over the telephones and the apparatus sent in the wrong direction, and in consequence the property involved was lost, owing to such errors; whereas, had there been a fire alarm box in the immediate neighborhood, such would have probably not been the case, as the box would have been used, and the exact location indicated to the Fire Department. With the increased number of boxes herein asked for, and properly located, the usefulness of the Fire Department would be increased in a ratio which would make the cost of the fire alarm system insignificant in comparison.

It furnishes to every property owner the means near at hand, in case of fire, for giving an instantaneous and definite alarm, and assures the people in the vicinity where a fire alarm box is located of some protection against that dangerous enemy—fire—as they know that the fire alarm box is the proper, and most reliable, and ever ready means for calling out the Fire Department when needed. I again call your attention to the recommendation in my previous report in regard to placing a fire alarm box in each public school.

In view of the destruction of the Fannin school by fire, three years ago, at which I was present, I think this matter of great importance to the school children and the city's own property.

Overhead Wires.

Referring to the dangerous wires now run in every direction over the city, and especially those so thick in the business portion of the city, they have increased to such a vast extent in the last few years that it is positively dangerous to the large crowds of people who use the public thoroughfares daily, and the danger increases in wet weather. The public demand for telephones and electric light service has increased so rapidly in the last few years that the companies controlling such wires have made no provisions for their construc-



W. T. WALL,
ALDERMAN SIXTH WARD.

tion, other than along the same old pole lines in this city, and now we find their wires getting thicker and more dangerous overhead than ever. Both of the telephones companies have placed some of their cables underground, but not with a view of avoiding the overhead wire danger to the public's good; but, on the other hand they were placed underground to avoid the overloading of their pole lines and maintenance thereof. It is almost a daily occurrence that telephone or electric light wires fall on the trolley wires of the street railway company.

Not only are the overhead wires of such danger to the daily pedestrians, but they are a great nuisance to the Fire Department when endeavoring to extinguish fires in the upper stories of mercantile establishments, especially in handling the ladders in the main part of the city. It has been my endeavor to control these wires in such a manner that I could always leave a clear way to all of the larger buildings for the Fire Department to get their ladders up, but they are becoming so thick that they are getting beyond my control. This unnecessary menace to life and property should not be tolerated; and I sincerely trust that your honorable body will see fit to adopt means to relieve the public of this existing danger as early as possible.

The underground system is not an experiment, but a thoroughly practical plan, which assures a more satisfactory service than the overhead wires, and safety to the public.

Private Telephone System Between Engine Houses.

I again call your attention to a system of private telephones and signals which should be established between the Central Fire Station and all of the engines houses. This system could be installed at a very reasonable cost—probably less than \$500.00, and would enable the Chief and officials of the Fire Department to be in easy touch with the other houses at all times, day and night. It would afford a system of signals for reporting to the Central Station as often as may be deemed necessary at night by the man on watch to the Chief, and will enable him to readily see by the report that each man has reported during the night as often as he has been in-

structed to. This system can be worked over the same wires used for the private telephones. They can also be used for transmitting fire alarms.

I am making provisions in the new Central Station for the installation of such a system.

Market House Tower Bell.

I have received the tower bell striking machine, and same has been placed in the clock tower of the new City Hall, which will be in working order as soon as the bell can be properly placed.

Electrolytic Deteriorations of Water Pipes, Gas Pipes and Telephone Cables.

I again think it my duty to inform your honorable body of the present existing evil and ultimate destruction of the water pipes, gas pipes and telephones cables by electricity. In my opinion, it has also a certain amount of influence towards the destruction of the approaches of all iron bridges now crossing the bayou, except the new bridge at Franklin Avenue, which I have taken the necessary precaution to prevent.

To further explain my reasons for the above, I herein give you the following information:

The electric current which is supplied to the street cars from the power house travels out to the cars on the trolley wires, thence into the car, from the car to the rails of the track, and is supposed to return to the originating point at the power house (the dynamo); but instead of traveling the rails, it attacks other subterranean metals, such as water pipes, gas pipes and telephone cables. Not only does it attack the underground cables, but I have made tests that show its attack on the overhead cables as well.

Therefore, you will understand that this is not an experiment, but an actual fact and occurrence, and does exist in this city. The gas company has been a sufferer of this electrolysis on its pipes. The Southwestern Telephone Company has taken such precautions as would give it relief to their cables.

The real cause for this unnecessary menace is due to the poor and improper electrical bond connection of the street railway tracks

and insufficient return system for the current supplied from the power house, and, unless the city takes some steps to force a remedy, it will only be a matter of a short time when the entire water pipe system will become defective.

Work and Improvement on Fire Alarm System.

Transferred wires on Hamilton Street, and put on eight steel fixtures, one brake arm, two extension pipes, four glass insulators, between Hamilton and Chartres.

Raised box 61 on pole, on account of street grade, pulled slack out of wires on McGowen Avenue, between Caroline and Jackson; on Jackson between McGowen and Dennis; put extension pipe on telephone pole at Caroline Street and McGowen Avenue to raise wires above telephone line; rebuilt wires on Chartres Street.

Transferred wires on Leeland Avenue, from Chartres to Chief's residence.

Changed wires from Citizens' Telephone Company's poles and put in new drop wires at box 14, Houston Avenue and Edwards Street; pulled slack out of wires on Houston Avenue, from Edwards to Washington; put in new one-half inch gas pipe at box 47 to top of pipe.

Put on double fixtures on end of cross-arm at the corner of Washington and Oak, and at Washington and Houston Avenue; pulled slack out of wires on Preston and Washington Streets, between Tenth and Sabine.

Transferred two wires on West Street, between Odin and Burnett Streets, from Citizens' Telephone Company's poles to the Southwestern Company's poles to the opposite side of the street; moved box 332 to new pole on opposite side of street.

Raised box 41 on pole at the corner of Preston and Main.

Transferred wires on telephone company's poles on Jefferson Street, and changed fixtures between St. Emanuel and Crawford; made and installed an automatic electric lighter for turning on lights at the sounding of an alarm for No. 8 and No. 6 engine houses.

Moved box 56 from the corner of Semmes and Providence Streets to the corner of Conti and Maffit, and run two blocks of wire, and set one 40-foot pole for same.

Rebuilt and made new one old fire alarm box, to be placed at the corner of Texas Avenue and Chartres Street, No. 342; repaired and made new boxes 313 and 325.

Rebuilt line on Travis, Webster, McGowen, between Rusk and Caroline Streets.

Other Work by This Department for the City Departments.

Wired new No. 6 engine house for electric lights, telephones and fire alarm, and installed lights with combination gas and electric fixtures; put up and wired indicator board; put in harness hangers and chain droppers.

Rewired and put in lights in the city stables.

Wired and installed lights in the Assessor and Collector's and Engineer's offices, and changed the fan circuit.

Plans and specifications drawn up for the wiring of the new City Hall, and a thorough inspection given this building while the wiring was in course of construction.

The details of this building were given special notice, in the way of switches and fans and lights, and the building was so wired, especially on the ground floor, in such convenient form, that the Market Master can furnish lights to the occupants of the Market as he sees fit, with perfect satisfaction, the whole having been attended to with the purpose in view of using the service in an economical way. You will note in the entire building, that these details have been carried out in every office for the convenience of the occupants. The contractors are due much credit for the way in which they have carried out this wiring.

Care and Attention to Fire Alarm System.

The usual care and attention to the fire alarm system during the past year has been devoted, as usual, in order that this important service may be kept up to the high standard of efficiency, as it is of that class of electrical appliances that requires the close study and attention, so that it can be relied upon at all times, night and day, and in all conditions of weather. Much of the apparatus being placed out of doors, naturally it is exposed to all conditions

of weather and the machinery therein must be kept adjusted to suit the various changes of climatic effects; portions of the system may stand unused for months, but when needed, they must be ready to respond accurately and quickly, as a failure of any part of the workings of the system may mislead the Fire Department, and result disastrously.

As I have had charge of the fire alarm system of the City of Houston for a number of years, and devoted much of my time thereto, I have made a close study of its needs, and I have found it is the best policy to use the very best material in its maintenance, in order that we have a system of perfection; even in the employment of assistants, I exercised the utmost care in selecting men whom I knew to be perfectly reliable in the discharge of their duty and attention to the system, and I have found that they are ever ready to do all in their power to maintain its perfect perfection.

It is my firm belief that if my recommendation of placing 100 additional fire alarm boxes throughout the city is acted upon, we will have a fire alarm system second to none in point of efficiency and reliability.

From my frequent visits to the annual meetings of the International Fire Chiefs' Conventions, where all fire alarm appliances and apparatus are placed on exhibition, it has enabled me to become familiar with all the latest devices and to witness their workings. Having become possessed of such valuable information, it has been of service to me in the purchase of supplies and instruments for the fire alarm system.

Other Recommendations.

I would further recommend that an ordinance be created requiring the placing of private fire alarm boxes in all theatres and large hotels, connected directly to the city's fire alarm service, at their expense.

I also recommend that all theatres using electrical service for stage effects, be required, by ordinance, to place a competent electrician in charge of their electrical appliances, etc., which electrician be qualified before a committee appointed by His Honor, the Mayor. As it is at present, these electrical appliances are handled

by stage hands, whose knowledge, electrically, is entirely inadequate, in consequence of which the wiring becomes very defective and increases the fire hazard, from which, we are liable to have disastrous results.

I and the wiring inspector have frequently made visits to the opera house stage, preparatory to performances, where electricity was extensively used in the production of such plays, and we have found the arrangement in such dangerous conditions that I compelled my inspector, as a matter of precaution, to remain, in order to prevent any conflagration therefrom.

Conclusion.

Concluding, I beg to thank His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen of this city, for their valuable assistance which has been given me in the discharge of the duties involved in this office. With your help during the coming year, I will do my utmost to make the fire alarm system second to none, of which this city may be justly proud.

I wish, also, to extend my warmest thanks to my able assistants, Messrs. Frank A. Peters and John S. Luckie, for their untiring and valuable attention to their respective duties, for which they deserve much commendation.

I also extend my thanks to Chief Arto and his men of the Fire Department for their kindness and the harmonious working of the two departments.

To the officials of both telegraph, both telephone, and the electric light company, are due my thanks for kindness on their parts in furnishing me whatever material I have requested, for use in the construction and repairs to the fire alarm system, which has been quite a saving to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE R. GEORGE,
City Electrician.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

W. M. BRUMBY, M. D.,

CITY HEALTH OFFICER,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—Attached hereto, I have the honor to submit the following report of vital statistics, and the “doings” of your Health Department, for the year ending December 31, 1903.

The most rigid economy has been practiced throughout, even at a sacrifice of efficiency at times, yet our expenses are slightly in excess of our budget allowance.

In view of the extended territory, and the apprehension on the part of all health authorities, as to the return to our State of the dreaded “yellow jack” in the spring, I am sure you will see the necessity of an increase of work for my department, and a corresponding increase in the working force, and budget allowance as well.

I hope you will increase the allowance to eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) for the ensuing year, and increase the salaries of Assistant Health Officer to \$100.00 per month, and the Clerk to \$85.00 per month.

Very respectfully yours,

W. M. BRUMBY,
City Health Officer.

Expenses of the Department.

Expenses of the department during the year 1903 were as follows:

January	\$ 1,159.70
February	886.96
March	1,102.48
April	887.88
May	1,098.85
June	972.11
July	952.90
August	1,188.30
September	1,240.25
October	1,342.06
November	1,268.93
December	1,135.30

TOTAL.....\$13,235.72

Classified List of Causes of Death for Year Ending December 31, 1903.

CLASS A—GENERAL DISEASES.

NAME OF DISEASE	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept'r	October	November	December	Total
<i>Specific Febrile (Zymotic).</i>													
Diphtheria (includes Membranous Group).....	1	2	4	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	6
Influenza (La Grippe).....	1	1	2	2	5	9	8	3	10	4	8	8	71
Malarial Fevers.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	6	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	3
Pertussis (Whooping Cough).....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	6	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Measles.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Scarlet Fever.....	1	.....	1	2	7	5	3	2	8	1	1	3	36*
Typhoid Fever.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Diarrhœal.</i>													
Cholera Infantum.....	1	.....	.....	4	7	9	5	3	3	3	2	.....	37
Cholera Morbus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Dysentery.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	2	3	2	1	.....	4	2	18
<i>Veneral.</i>													
Syphilis, acquired.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	5
<i>Septic.</i>													
Pyæmia.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Septicæmia.....	1	4	2	.....	2	.....	1	2	2	2	1	2	19
Tetanus.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	2	1	1	9
<i>Dietetic.</i>													
Malnutrition.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Inanition.....	.....	4	1	6	.....	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	26
<i>Constitutional.</i>													
Carcinoma.....	2	1	7	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	2	.....	17
Rheumatism.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	3

Sarcoma.....	4	8	13	12	9	11	9	11	8	7	1	14	1	112
Tuberculosis.....														
<i>Developmental.</i>														
Marasmus, Infantile.....	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	8	2	1	1	1	1	30
Premature Births.....	2					1	1	1	1			1	1	6
Senility.....		4	8	3	7	7	3	6	9	2	2	7		58
TOTAL CLASS A.....	18	31	39	36	49	57	48	43	47	30	33	43		474

CLASS B-LOCAL DISEASES.

<i>Nervous System.</i>														
Alcoholism.....	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Apoplexy, Cerebral.....					4	5	1	2	1	1	2	2		25
Brain Disease, Abscess.....		2	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	2	2			1
Convulsions, Infantile.....				2				2	2	2	1	1		19
Encephalitis and Cerebritis.....	1			1		1	2			1				10
Epilepsy.....														6
Hydrocephalus.....						2								2
Insanity.....		1				1						2		2
Meningitis, Cerebral.....			1	1	1	7	1	2	2	2				4
Myelitis.....			1								1			15
Paralysis.....	1	1	1	3		1	1	1	1	2	2			2
<i>Circulatory System.</i>														
Pericarditis.....	1			2	1			1	1			1		7
Blood Vessels, rupture, etc.....	1					1								2
Embolism and Thrombosis.....	1			1										4
Heart Disease, Valvular.....	6	3	3	8	5	7	4	3	3	2	7	5		56
CARRIED FORWARD.....	13	9	8	22	15	29	10	15	9	14	16	12		172

Nephritis, Acute.....	2	.....	1	2	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	9
Nephritis, Chronic.....	.....	3	4	3	3	.....	4	7	2	5	.....	3	.....	41
Uremia.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	2	.....	8
<i>Reproductive System.</i>														
Childbirth (Eclampsia).....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	2	1	2	.....	.....	11
Salpyngitis.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
TOTAL CLASS B.....	28	29	29	47	38	44	33	30	24	38	37	32	.....	409

CLASS C VIOLENT DEATHS.

Accidental.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Asphyxiation.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Bullet Wounds.....	2	2	2	.....	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	15
Burning.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	6
Drowning.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5
Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Poisons.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Railroad or Street Car Accident	4	1	2	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	17
Shock from Operation.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	2	1	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	10
Unknown Causes, Inquest.....	.....	1	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	17
TOTAL CLASS C.....	8	5	9	88	96	110	87	77	75	75	10	10	88	.....	86
GRAND TOTAL.....	54	65	77	88	96	110	87	77	75	75	77	88	.....	.....	969

Summary of Deaths by Ages for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

AGE	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept'ber	October	November	December	Total
Under 1 year.....	8	10	13	16	23	19	18	21	14	12	6	8	168
1 to 5 years.....	5	5	4	10	11	22	12	10	8	6	6	4	103
5 to 10 years.....	1	1	.....	1	3	8	2	.....	3	6	5	4	34
10 to 20 years.....	4	2	4	5	3	4	4	7	6	7	3	5	54
20 to 30 years.....	8	6	9	9	13	13	15	11	8	8	12	14	126
30 to 40 years.....	5	8	12	15	10	9	11	3	9	9	7	9	107
40 to 50 years.....	3	9	6	8	8	7	7	8	4	5	6	11	82
50 to 60 years.....	5	10	5	7	10	10	4	4	8	5	12	10	90
60 to 70 years.....	8	6	12	9	8	7	6	3	6	12	8	13	98
70 to 80 years.....	5	6	5	5	4	7	3	6	4	3	7	8	63
80 to 90 years.....	2	2	6	3	2	2	5	4	5	2	4	1	38
90 to 100 years.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	6
TOTALS.....	54	65	77	88	96	110	87	77	75	75	77	88	969

Non-residents and still-births excluded.

Summary of Vital Statistics—Colors and Sexes.

MONTH	WHITES		BLACKS		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Whites	Blacks
January	14	21	9	10	23	31	35	19
February	22	14	14	15	36	29	36	29
March	28	22	15	12	43	34	43	34
April	26	20	21	21	47	41	46	42
May	33	17	17	29	50	46	50	46
June	31	30	23	26	54	56	61	49
July	21	23	21	22	42	45	44	43
August	30	26	9	12	39	38	56	21
September	21	27	15	12	36	39	48	27
October	26	20	15	14	41	34	46	29
November	34	16	10	17	44	33	50	27
December	35	20	16	17	51	37	55	33
TOTALS	321	256	185	207	506	463	570	399

Summary of Births Reported for the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

MONTH	White	Black	Unknown	Total
January	27	12	1	40
February	9	5	2	16
March	19	9	1	29
April	12	11	1	24
May	8	15	...	23
June	16	12	2	30
July	13	13	2	28
August	23	10	...	33
September	20	12	...	32
October	19	16	...	35
November	16	18	1	35
December	24	15	...	39
TOTALS	206	148	10	364

Summary of Contagious Diseases for Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

NAME OF DISEASE	CASES		DEATHS		TOTAL DEATHS
	Whites	Blacks	Whites	Blacks	
Diphtheria	*	*	5	1	6
Scarlet fever.....	*	*	2	...	2
Smallpox	54	81	...	...	...
Tuberculosis	*	*	50	62	112
Typhoid fever.....	*	*	29	7	36
TOTALS	54	81	86	70	156

*Cases not reported.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, December 31, 1903.

Dr. Wm. Brumby, City Health Officer, Houston, Texas.

DEAR SIR—I herewith submit to you a statement of work done by me for year 1903, as per records. I have made 2,014 inspections of milk; investigated 450 special complaints; and there have been placarded and fumigated 196 houses for contagious diseases; have condemned and reported 429 closets to be cleaned; 476 premises inspected. I have visited markets, fish stalls, fruit stands and restaurants during the year daily, and have issued 79 notices to parties to clean up their premises. There has been quite a lot of fruit, vegetables, fish, oysters and meat condemned and destroyed by me.

Respectfully,

G. A. RIENHARDT,
Inspector.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 1, 1904.

Dr. Wm. Brumby, City Health Officer, Houston, Texas.

DEAR SIR—I would respectfully submit to you an outline of work performed by me as Sanitary Inspector in your department, during the year 1903.

I have inspected 4,082 residences, which were not in the sewer district, and of this number condemned 1,078 as unsanitary; 684 special nuisance complaints received at the office have been investigated by me, and have gotten the trouble complained of abated. The sewer district has received my attention whenever possible,



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with the result that some 378 owners of property have made connections with sewers this year, doing away with that number of box closets. The bayou has been inspected by me, and kept as pure as possible above the dam. An inspection has also been made of all soap factories, oil refineries, and public school buildings. I would bring before your notice the fact that a large percentage of the middle class and poorer rent houses are badly provided with water supply, and suggest that in the near future an ordinance be passed compelling owners and agents of same to provide an adequate supply of as pure water as obtainable. This applies to over and under-ground cisterns.

Yours truly,

JOHN S. GREEN,
Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

DR. C. M. NOBLE,
CITY VETERINARY SURGEON,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I submit this my report of the condition of all horses and mules in which the city is interested:

Fire Department: There are now 33 horses in the Fire Department, that being one more than formerly. On account of one horse becoming unfit for fire service, it was transferred to the Street and Bridge Department. There are six horses in the Fire Department that will soon be unfit for fire service; the rest of the horses are in the very best possible condition at the present time. During the past year the Mayor has purchased seven horses for the Fire Department at a cost of \$1,131.00. The Fire Department has lost three horses during the past year—one broke its leg in being driven to a fire, one was killed in a collision with a street car, and another died from abscess of the liver. I estimate the value of these horses at \$5,775.00. I would recommend that all fire horses be fed upon the best possible feed in the market, such as clipped white oats and alfalfa and timothy hay. I wish to thank Chief Arto for his many kindnesses and courtesies extended me during the year.

Street and Bridge Department: Has five horses and fourteen mules. There are a number of animals in this department that are hardly fit for use at any time during the year. One has died from the effects of an open joint. The value of live stock in this department amounts to \$2,250.00.

Garbage Department: Has five horses and ten mules. The stock of this department are in good condition. Value of stock, \$1,900.00.

Scavenger Department: Has seventeen mules. One horse died from inflammation of the bowels. The stock of this department are in splendid condition. Value of stock, \$2,200.00.

Health Department: Has one small mule, good condition. Value, \$80.00.

Sewerage Department: Has one small mule, good condition. Value, \$80.00.

Electrical Department: Has one horse, fair condition. Value \$60.00.

This makes a total of 86 horses and mules owned by the city. I estimate their value to be \$12,345.00.

Cost of medicine for the sick and injured animals for the year amounted to \$94.60.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. NOBLE,
City Veterinary Surgeon.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

A. R. MILLER,

MARKET MASTER,

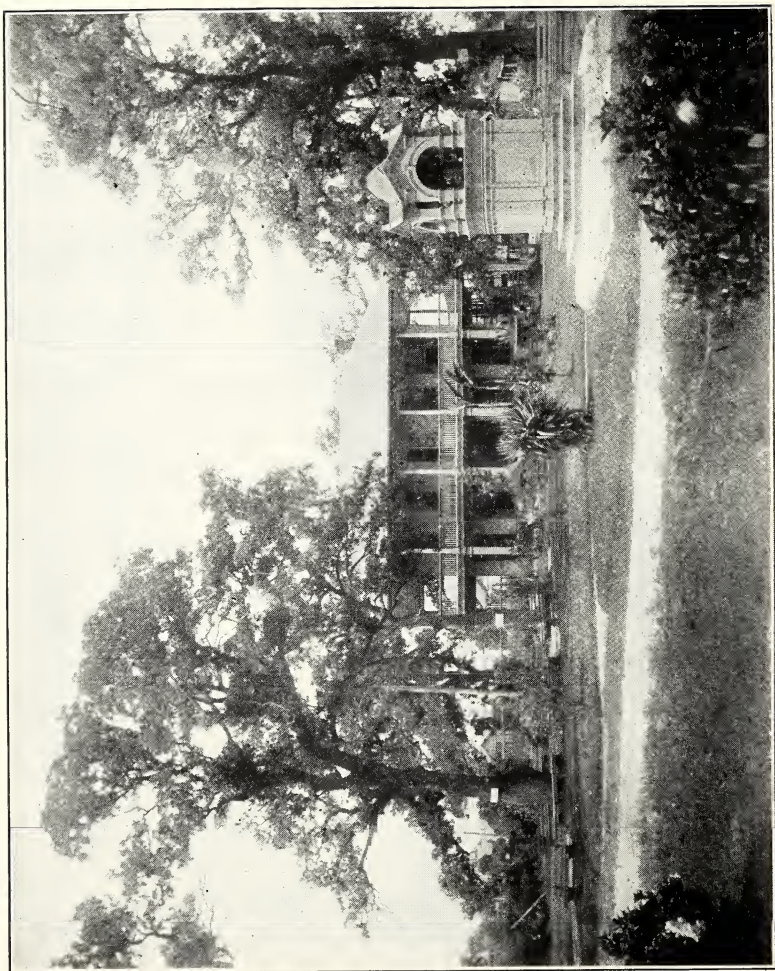
For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the provision of the City Charter, requiring the head of each department of the city government to submit annually a report of the condition of his department, I begin my short epistle by stating that the most important item in my department is the near completion of the new Market House and City Hall. On account of unavoidable delay, the market portion of the building is yet lacking the new floor and stalls, which will, in all probability, be completed within the next few weeks.

In arranging the new stalls, my suggestion in my last annual report, to locate the meat and fish stalls so as to permit the use of ice boxes in them, was adopted. Accordingly all such stands are next to the walls on both sides of the building, the ice boxes to be placed against the wall, so as not to appear unsightly, which would have been the case had the stalls been located as formerly. The drippings from the ice boxes are taken up by lateral drains which lead to the main floor drain, thus at all times keeping the floor perfectly dry. These stalls are much larger than those in the old market; in fact, it was absolutely necessary to make them so, in order to allow the occupants to carry on their business in an up-to-date and modern way, and in competition with others not occupying space in the City Market. Each one of these stands is to be supplied with a water hydrant. The floor will be so arranged that it can be washed as often as required, all water being immediately carried off by the floor drain. In the south wing, where formerly were the fruit and vegetable dealers, will be placed the bread, pickle and butter stalls; in the center and north wing the fruit and vegetable booths; two coffee stands are to be placed in the Travis Street wing; notion, candy and other small booths are located at different places, making in all a total of sixty-one. In arranging the various



SCENE SAM HOUSTON PARK.
THE HARRIET LANE BELL.

stalls, all the surroundings were taken into due consideration and, in my opinion, the very best possible result attained.

The present stall renters on Market Square should be given the first choice of places in the new market, mainly because they have never ceased to be the city's tenants, and had it not been for the fire would still have their old places. It would also tend to lessen the desire of any one to buy up stalls for speculative purposes—a condition to guard against in disposing of them. After supplying the old renters, the remaining privileges could be disposed of at auction, or some other way to be decided upon by the council.

I think the city has acted wisely in deciding to build the stalls in the market at its own expense. It will give more general satisfaction than to have required each renter to put up his own stand, principally because the erection of them would have been going on for an almost indefinite length of time, thus causing the city to lose revenue, to say nothing of obstructing the passage ways in the meantime.

As soon as the present occupants of stands on the Travis Street side have vacated, the old shacks should be immediately removed, and every effort should be made to at once improve and beautify this space. A large fountain in the center, supplemented by nicely laid cement walks leading to the various entrances on the east side of the building, would add much to the appearance of the surroundings.

The public toilets on the first floor are conveniences that were badly needed, but it will require the almost constant attention of some one to keep them in a sanitary condition. Therefore, it will be absolutely necessary to appoint a janitor for the first floor to look after these toilet rooms, and at the same time keep the market floor and Square clean.

All the sidewalks on Market Square are in a very bad condition, having done service for many years. They should be replaced by new ones.

After the new Market House renters have been assigned their various places, a new set of rules and regulations should be adopted for the government of all having privileges on Market Square, and the strictest adherence to them, as well as all existing ordinances, must be maintained to bring order out of chaos.

Aside from the salaries of the Market Master and Market Policeman, the expense incurred in conducting the Market during the past year was \$74.25.

The receipts for the past twelve months are \$1,136.50 less than for the corresponding twelve months of 1902, which was not unexpected, as I suggested in my last annual report that if the city did not make some sort of arrangement to retain all renters on Market Square, the revenues for the year would be greatly reduced. The decrease was caused mainly by the removal, on August 1st, of all stands on the west side of the Square, in order to make room for the building of the new wagon shed, now nearing completion. The removal of these booths alone caused a decrease in the receipts of over \$200.00 a month. Other causes in connection with the construction of the Market House contributed materially to the decrease.

In conclusion, I desire to extend my thanks to His Honor, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, and especially the Market Committee, for their kind indulgence in allowing me to give the Market stall renters unusual privileges during the past year, brought about by the upset and disorganized condition of things caused by the construction of our new Market building.

Following are receipts for 1903:

Receipts for 1903.

January	\$ 762.75
February	734.75
March	720.75
April	695.75
May	730.50
June	746.75
July	844.25
August	616.25
September	601.25
October	603.50
November	610.25
December	612.50
Total	<u>\$8,279.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. MILLER,
Market Master.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

J. KENNEDY,

CITY SCAVENGER,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,
Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I beg to submit herewith my annual report, showing the receipts and disbursements and work done in my department during the year 1903:

General Revenue.

AMOUNT OF WORK DONE.

January	\$ 1,322.25
February	872.50
March	1,159.50
April	1,422.00
May	1,218.50
June	1,628.50
July	1,384.50
August	854.50
September	1,087.60
October	1,302.35
November	1,358.70
December	1,558.70
TOTAL.....	\$ 15,169.60

AMOUNT OF CASH COLLECTED.

January	\$ 1,400.65
February	974.10
March	1,256.00
April	1,467.50
May	1,244.05
June	1,639.25
July	1,387.25
August	878.75
September	1,085.60
October	1,252.35
November	1,396.45
December	1,535.70
TOTAL.....	\$ 15,517.65

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS.

	Number Cleaned	Number Inspected
January	1,201	963
February	790	833
March	1,005	941
April	1,528	831
May	1,316	1,061
June	1,685	2,347
July	1,405	1,778
August	923	837
September	1,117	1,067
October	1,341	1,329
November	1,345	1,402
December	1,580	1,515
TOTAL.....	15,236	14,904

General Expense.

City Scavenger, at \$125.00.....	\$1,500.00
Clerk, at \$75.00.....	900.00
Inspectors, at \$75.00.....	2,037.70
Laborers, at \$2.25 and \$1.75 a day.....	6,092.31
Collectors for four months, 10 per cent.....	82.65
Feed bill.....	2,162.31
Horseshoeing, at \$15.00 per month, by contract.....	180.00
Repairs on wagon.....	256.65
Repairs on barrels.....	142.15
Repairs on tools.....	18.95
Harness, repairs and renewals.....	47.00
Building tool room and repair disposal house.....	7.50
Stationery and printing.....	126.42
Disinfectants	187.20
Ice for disposal house.....	12.30
Numbering machine.....	9.00
Electric fan.....	2.00
Water for disposal house, February-March, 1903....	268.25-\$14,032.39
By credit for disinfectants to Police and Park Dep't	18.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$14,014.39

Inventory of Stock, Barrels, Tools and Wagons.

	Good Cond'n	Bad Cond'n	Total
Rubber gaskets.....	26	..	26
Sanitary barrels.....	40	30	70
Disinfectant kegs.....	3	3	6
Box hook.....	4	1	5
Dipper (1 gallon).....	2	3	5
Shovels, S. H.....	4	2	6
Disinfectant cans.....	4	1	5
Wagons	3	4	7
Mules	10	2	12
Monkey wrench.....	1	..	1
Double harness.....	3	3	6
Disinfectants, crude, gallons.....	..	..	55

Remarks.

The earnings for this department for the past twelve months, over and above the expenses for the same period, is \$1,503.26, as shown above. The custom of former administrations was to charge to the general salary account the salaries of the inspectors, but under the present administration this custom has been changed by deducting from the earnings of department the salaries of the inspectors, thereby, as you will see, increasing the expenses to the amount of \$2,037.70, and decreasing the earnings a like amount. Still the earnings of this department will show that all expenses of running same has been paid out of the earnings.

On April 1, 1903, as you are aware, an ordinance went into effect reducing the fees for scavenger work 25 per cent.; yet, notwithstanding this reduction, we are able to show a balance of \$1,503.26.

The reduction of 25 per cent. on amount of work done since April 1, 1903, amounts to \$2,997.00; this, added to the salaries of the inspectors, reduces the earnings of this department \$5,034.70.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KENNEDY,
City Scavenger.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

O. H. NOLAND,

SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY PARK,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,

Mayor.

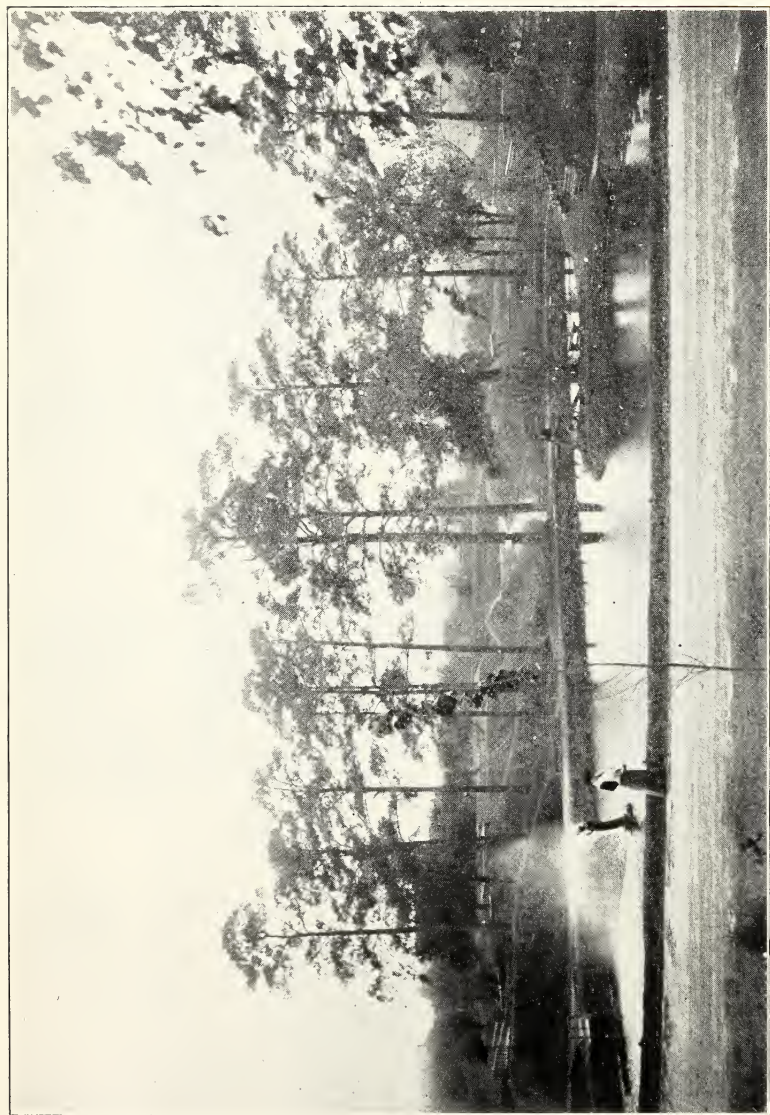
DEAR SIR—As required by second paragraph of Section 12, Article 5, of the Charter of the City of Houston, I have the honor to submit this, my second annual report, giving a summary of the work accomplished by the Park Committee during the year ending December 31st, 1903, including such comments and suggestions as I deem profitable to insert in a report as a permanent public record, to which the City Council may at any time refer for its guidance in carrying out the plans of the Park Committee by needful appropriations.

The average annual appropriation for improvements and maintenance has been \$5,720.00, amounting to 8 cents per capita; and I feel confident in the assertion that not one of our population would consent to part with or give up the privileges and enjoyments Sam Houston Park affords for the small sum which it costs.

The pleasure, contentment and well being of a people are greatly enhanced, and much depends in a manufacturing city, composed of a population like Houston (which yearly increases as the new industries are introduced) upon having proper places for them to congregate individually and with their families.

We are very likely to judge a city and its people by the looks of its streets, public buildings, parks and other city property. If they are neat, well kept and attractive, it is safe to say the city is thriving and inhabited by an energetic, thrifty, intelligent people.

Sam Houston Park is one of the most frequented localities during the hot months of summer, and throughout the year multitudes of people pass through it on their way to and from work; and it has been a thoughtful subject of the Park Committee how they



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could best render it, not only available as an attractive resting place, but as a welcome play ground for the children.

I heartily concur in the opinion of the Park Committee, that the four acres of land on the north side of the park be prepared for a play ground instead of its lying an "unmolested cockle-burr and weed incubator," and request that an appropriation be made sufficient to enable them to carry out their plans in that regard.

Children play in the street, break lamps and windows, and commit numberless acts of mischief of greater or lesser degree because no other provision is made for them; on the other hand, when a play ground has been established, the change in the character of the younger population is marked.

Sam Houston Park contains fifteen acres of land, eleven of which are in the Fourth Ward, with two entrances, one on Dallas Avenue and one on Lamar Avenue; four acres in the Sixth Ward, with two entrances, one on Youngs Avenue and one on Stanley Street.

The park is lighted on Sunday nights with eight arc lights, and the gates remain open until 10 o'clock p. m.

As a result of the earnestness and indefatigable efforts of the ladies of the Civic Club, there has been, for six weeks, two weekly concerts—Wednesday and Sunday evenings—and thousands of our good citizens, with their families, have congregated in this "garden spot" of Houston to enjoy the beautiful music, which has such a soul-elevating, refining influence.

All Houston feels grateful to the Robert E. Lee Chapter, No. 186, United Daughters of the Confederacy, for the preservation and gift of the Harriet Lane bell, which now occupies the most prominent site in the park, as it does in the hearts of our people.

This bell was on the Harriet Lane, one of the Federal fleet captured at the battle of Galveston, January 1, 1863, by Confederate forces under General J. Bankhead Magruder, Commodore Leon Smith being in command of the Confederate fleet, consisting of three steamboats barricaded with cotton bales.

It was one of the most brilliant and decisive victories of the war between the States.

Park Expenses.

Park Appropriation		\$5,720.00
January	\$ 357.43	
February	385.86	
March	333.96	
April	677.34	
May	343.67	
June	346.45	
July	350.88	
August	420.11	
September	427.47	
October	345.70	
November	438.96	
December	487.36	\$4,915.19
Credit Balance.....		\$804.81
Salaries	\$ 743.87	
Repairs and Renewals of Buildings.....	566.74	
Repairs and Renewals of Equipment...	352.05	
Animals (Replacement and Keep).....	990.55	
Maintenance of Grounds	1,676.73	
Incidental Expenses	585.25	\$4,915.19

Buildings.

One two story brick residence.

One hot house, 16x40 feet.

One band stand.

Estimated Value of Park Property.

Estimated value of 15 acres of improved land..	\$75,000.00
Estimated value of animals	500.00
Estimated value of Park residence	2,500.00
Estimated value of hot house	500.00
Estimated value of flowers and shrubs	1,000.00
Estimated value of implements and tools	250.00
Estimated value of water hose	40.00
Estimated value of office fixtures	25.00
Estimated value of two fountains	500.00
Estimated value of 300 gold fish	100.00
Estimated value of 14 cages	350.00
Estimated value of 100 benches	100.00
Estimated value of 1 vase	25.00
Estimated value of 1 wagon	40.00
Estimated value of 1 mule	75.00
Estimated value of 1 set of harness	7.00
Estimated value of band stand	100.00
Total	\$80,962.00

Rules of Park.

Visitors are welcome, but they are positively enjoined to confine themselves to the avenues and walks, and touch nothing.

Fast driving, shooting and fishing prohibited.

Dogs positively forbidden in the park.

Drivers of carriages and horsemen are notified to walk their horses, hitch at the posts provided and turn in the turn-ways.

Parties disobeying the above rules will be ejected from the grounds and prosecuted according to law.

List of Animals, Birds, Trees and Shrubs.

ZOOLOGICAL.

One Bear.	One Fox.
Five Coons.	One Gila Monster.
Two Flying Squirrels.	One Cerkey.
Two Wolves.	One Wild Cat.
Nine Squirrels.	Eight Prairie Dogs.
Two Deer.	Two Monkeys.
Ten Rabbits.	Six Belgian Hares.
Two Guinea Pigs.	Seven Alligators.

ORNITHOLOGICAL.

Two Quail.	Turtle Doves.
Four Owls.	Bantam Chickens.
Two Mexican Eagles.	Japan Chickens.
Fifteen Ring-Neck Doves.	One Hawk.

TREES AND SHRUBS.

Rubber Tree.	Justicia.
Coleus.	Oleanders.
Maiden Hair Fern.	Cape Jessamine.
Lace Fern.	Century Plants.
Palmetto Palms.	Date Palms.
Hibiscus.	Plomosus Namus Fern.
Meteor Fern.	Meteor Rose.
Captain Crispy Roses.	Momon Cachet Roses.
Madam Swarz Rose.	Boston Fern.
Geraniums.	Spengri.
Staphonitas.	Carolina Custer Rose.
Paul Meron Rose.	Catuille Supert Rose.

We have received from—

I. M. Hussey.....	One Alligator.
Mrs. Davis.....	One Alligator.
Mrs. Simmons.....	One Alligator.
J. B. Gordon.....	One pair Belgian Hares.
B. Woolford.....	Three pairs Belgian Hares.
H. Schieffer.....	One Wolf.
H. Schieffer.....	One Squirrel.
T. Cuilla.....	One Wolf.
J. Smith.....	One Alligator.
Dr. Joe Stuart.....	One Wild Cat.
Dr. Joe Stuart.....	One Wolf and two cages.
Mrs. N. Randolph.....	Eight Paradise Fish.
Charles Byrnes.....	One Gila Monster.

The following selection of lawn furniture I recommend to be purchased for the City Park:

4 Scroll Settees, 6 feet; at \$40.....	\$ 160.00
4 Fern Settees, 5 feet; at \$30.....	120.00
20 Central Park Settees; at \$5.....	100.00
10 Park Settees, 4 seats; at \$12.50...	125.00
8 Park Settees, 3 seats; at \$10.....	80.00
12 Cast Iron Rustic Chairs; at \$12...	144.00
12 Cast Iron Settees; at \$10.....	120.00
12 Laurel Settees; at \$10.....	120.00
4 Flower Bed Vases; at \$29.50.....	118.00
4 Lawn Sprinklers; at \$5.....	20.00
1 Large Jet (iron and brass).....	50.00
2 Vases (Lotus); at \$33.....	66.00
2 Vases; at \$45.....	90.00
4 Jardinier Vases; at \$18.50.....	74.00
2 Egyptian Vases; at \$42.....	84.00

Total cost and delivered in place. \$1,471.00

I would recommend that eight new cages be built, as the ones at present are in bad condition.

I would recommend that an ordinance be passed prohibiting wagons from driving through the park.

I suggest that sanitary sewerage be placed in the park at once and a new stable be built for the protection of the lawn mower, stock and wagon.

I recommend that the park residence be repaired, as at present it is suitable only as a summer house; also, that a night watchman be placed at the park as a protection for the plants and shrubbery and as a moral safeguard.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. NOLAND,
Superintendent Park.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

CHARLES G. BYRNE,

CITY BOILER INSPECTOR,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,

Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I respectfully submit herewith my report of the work done in my department for the year ending December 31, 1903:

Boiler Inspection Department.

Report of the Boiler Inspector of the business transacted under the department for the year ending December 31, 1903:

BOILER INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Number of stationary steam boilers inspected Jan. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903, and certificates issued.....	105
Number of boilers inspected owned by the city at the Sewerage Pumping Station	2
At Fannin School	1
At New Market and City Hall.....	1—109
Number of new boilers installed in new plants	7
Number of new boilers installed in place of old boilers removed	3
Number of new boilers installed in addition to old plants....	2—12
Number of boilers in city used for manufacturing purposes....	145
Number of portable boilers in the city.....	6—151
Number of steam power plants in the city used for manufacturing purposes	56

COLLECTIONS, ETC.

Amount collected for the inspection of boilers Jan. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903; 22 inspections @ \$5.....	\$110.00
Amount collected for inspections made in 1902, and turned over to City Treasurer; 4 inspections @ \$5....	20.00
Amount collected and turned over to City Assessor and Collector, for 3 inspections in 1902, @ \$5.....	15.00—\$145.00
Amount of boiler inspection certificates for the inspection of boilers, deposited with the City Assessor and Collector for collection; 83, @ \$5.....	415.00

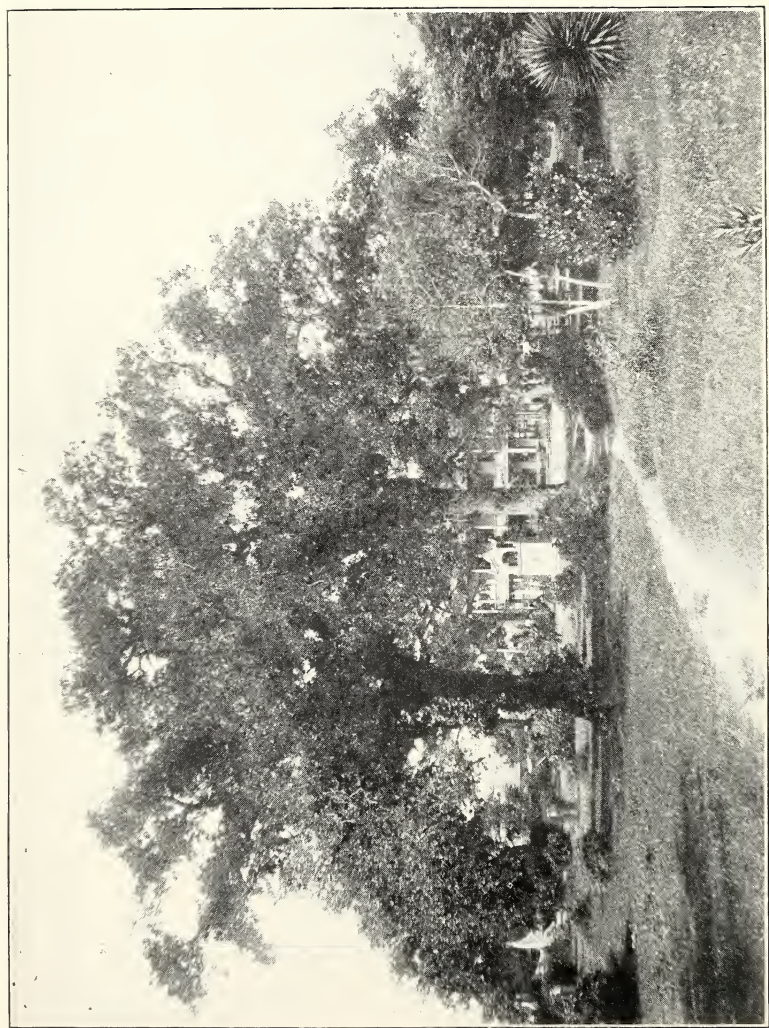
Total amount for the inspection of steam boilers.....\$560.00

NUMBER OF ENGINEERS' LICENSES ISSUED FROM JANUARY 1, 1903,
TO DECEMBER 31, 1903.

Application Fees received for the examination of applicants for Engineer's Licenses from Jan. 1, 1903, to March 22, 1903; 7 @ \$1.....	\$ 7.00
Number of original First Grade Engineer's Licenses issued from Jan. 1, 1903, to March 22, 1903; 3 @ \$4..	12.00
Number of original Second Grade Engineer's Licenses issued from Jan. 1, 1903, to March 22, 1903; 3 @ \$4..	12.00
Number of renewals First Grade Engineer's Licenses issued from Jan. 1, 1903, to March 22, 1903; 8 @ \$2.50	20.00
Number of renewals Second Grade Engineer's Licenses issued from Jan. 1, 1903, to March 22, 1903; 1 @ \$2.50	2.50
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Total amount received from Jan. 1, 1903, to March 22, 1903, for the issue and renewal of Engineer's Licenses, and turned over to the City Treasurer..	\$ 53.50
Number of receipts and amount received for the issue and renewal of Engineer's Licenses from March 22, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903—	
Number of Preliminary Receipts for the examination of applicants for Engineer's Licenses; 36 @ \$1.....	36.00
Number of original First Grade Engineer's Licenses from March 22, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903; 6 @ \$4....	24.00
Number of original Second Grade Engineer's Licenses issued from March 22, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903; 13 @ \$4.....	52.00
Number of renewals of First Grade Engineer's Licenses issued from March 22, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903; 34 @ \$2.50.....	85.00
Number of renewals Second Grade Licenses issued from March 22, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903; 14 @ \$2.50.	35.00—\$232.00
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Total amount received in receipts from City Assessor and Collector for the issue and renewal of Engineer's Licenses March 22, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903.....	\$285.50
Total Amt. for the inspection of steam boilers..	560.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT	\$845.50

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. G. BYRNE,
City Boiler Inspector.



SCENE SAM HOUSTON PARK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

J. J. WHALEN,

SUPERINTENDENT GARBAGE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,

Mayor.

DEAR SIR—Complying with your request to furnish you with a report of this department for the year 1903, I beg leave to submit the following:

Disbursement.

Salaries	\$ 10,387.04
Repairs and renewals of equipment	432.55
Live stock, replacement and keep..	2,969.02
Other expenses.....	24.77
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TOTAL.....	\$ 13,813.38
Amount of appropriation for 1903..	\$ 12,000.00
Amount expended, as above.....	13,813.38
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OVERDRAWN.....	\$ 1,813.38

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WHALEN,
Supt. Garbage Dept.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

JOHN MCNEELY,

SEWER AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR,

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1903.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, January 10, 1904.

HON. O. T. HOLT,

Mayor.

DEAR SIR—I respectfully submit the following report on the work in my department for the year 1903:

There has been a decrease in the number of permits taken out in 1903, but an increase in the amount of fixtures installed. The decrease in permits is probably caused by so many buildings being built out of the sewer district. The increase in the number of fixtures installed is caused by the buildings being on a larger scale, thereby requiring more fixtures. Some of the larger buildings are as follows: The Houston Post building, new City Hall and Market House, the two new Stowers buildings, the Hudson building, the Clay building, the Cleveland building, the Weiss building, the Rotge building, the Olympia Theater building, the Kiam building, the Levy building, the Lovett building, the Swift building, the Milby & Dow building, the Moore-Burnett building and the remodeling of the old Houston Post building.

The same applies to sewer connections. During the year 1903 permits granted and collections were as follows:

Sewer Connection Permits	189
Plumbing Permits	408
Total	597
Plumbing fixtures installed:	
Closets	578
Baths	217
Basins	302
Sinks	228
Urinals	20
Total Fixtures Installed	1,345
Total Collections	\$775.00
The number of dead ends to sewers is....	86
Flush tanks at sewer ends.....	41

Over one-half of the flush tanks are in bad order and are not worth repairing the inside workings of same. These should be replaced by the latest improved type of flush tanks. All dead ends

should have flush tanks. These flush tanks work automatically and flush the sewers every few hours, keep the sewers clean and make the city more healthy; also cost less money in the way of keeping the main sewers unstopped or cleared.

The plumbing work now done in the City of Houston will compare very favorably with most cities, and is sanitary and up-to-date, with few exceptions. Some changes in the way of doing work have been insisted upon, and the plumbing ordinance has been more strictly complied with. I have had almost the unanimous support of the master plumbers in these efforts to improve the quality of the work, without materially increasing the cost, and the journeymen have assisted in every way they could. I have also had the encouragement of several doctors, they telling me I could not be too strict. There is plenty of old work in the city which should be condemned and torn out and replaced or left out. This would be one of the best steps from a health standpoint that could be taken by the city.

I refer you to Kansas City, where a competent corps of inspectors were appointed some time since, whose duty it was to make a house to house inspection and condemn all plumbing work that was not in a sanitary condition and see that same was torn out, but Houston is smaller than Kansas City. This could be taken care of with very little expense to the city. Under the present city ordinance, I have not the authority that some plumbing inspectors have in other cities. If I see a bad piece of plumbing work in any building I have not the authority to condemn same, but I have to call on the Health Officer and ask him to condemn it, and this is unpleasant for him, as neither he nor any other person understands as much about plumbing as a practical plumber does, and questions might be asked him or his inspectors which they could not answer, just the same as I might be asked questions about some other person's vocation and I could not answer properly.

There are a large number of residences within a reasonable distance of the sewers not yet connected with same. The benefits of sanitary plumbing, as shown by the mortality statistics of the city, will not be felt until sanitary plumbing is more universally installed. Just as long as old unsanitary plumbing and open box closets are allowed mixed in the same block with sanitary work

proper comparisons of the great difference in health between the two methods cannot be seen.

There are some bad features in the plumbing and drain-laying ordinance which should be changed, and I would respectfully recommend the drafting of a new ordinance. If the scale of charges for inspections was properly revised, this office could easily be made self-supporting without imposing any undue burden on anyone. With the present arrangement, the charges are the same for a small cottage as for a large building with ten times as many fixtures in it. In many of the cities the charges are made according to the amount of fixtures that are installed, or so much per fixture. I see no reason why the inspections made by this office should not be on the number of plumbing fixtures installed. The more fixtures there are in a building the more time it takes to inspect same.

In conclusion, will say that all manholes, catch basins and flush tanks have been gone over and worked on and looked after many times. I will say that the two men, Mr. J. K. Lee and Mr. Charles Froeberg, working in the Sewer Department deserve great praise for the way they have looked after the sewers of the city. I believe some of the aldermen will bear me out in this, as they have watched their movements and the way they have worked. I would recommend that this force be increased one more man.

We have on hand belonging to the city the following: One mule, one wagon and one set of harness, 250 feet of the best rubber hose, \$75 worth of sewer rods, half dozen picks and shovels, a few red lights and a small amount of sewer pipe and fittings.

In conclusion, I wish to extend thanks to His Honor, the mayor, and the board of aldermen for their assistance. I also want to thank the City Engineer for his courteous treatment and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MCNEELY,
City Sewer and Plumbing Inspector.

ADDENDA

Rules Governing the Proceedings
of the City Council.

Historical Sketch of the Officers
of the City From 1838 to the
Present Time.

RULES OF ORDER.

The City Council of the City of Houston hereby establishes the following rules of order to govern in its meetings:

RULE 1.

The order of proceedings in the City Council shall be—

1. To call the roll and mark absentees.
2. To read, and if necessary, correct the journals.
3. To receive petitions.
4. To receive reports of special and standing committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Reading of bills.

RULE 2—*Speaking.*

Each member shall stand and be uncovered while speaking, and the first to address the President or President *pro tem* shall be entitled to the floor. He shall not be interrupted while speaking, except by a call to order, or to correct a statement of facts.

RULE 3—*Committees.*

The same committees heretofore provided for shall continue as the standing committees of this council until changed by order of this council. Said committees shall perform the same duties as heretofore, except where such duties are by the Charter or ordinances placed upon some officer of the city.

A new committee is hereby created of three members of the council, to be known as the Public School Committee, and it is made the duty of this committee to investigate and report upon such matters connected with the public schools as may be referred to it. All committees hereafter appointed shall be appointed by the Mayor, as heretofore.

RULE 4—*President Pro Tempore.*

At the first meeting of this council in July, 1903, and at the first meeting held by all councils subsequently elected, in addition to the President of the council, there shall be elected a President *pro tempore*, whose duty it shall be to preside at all council meetings when the President is absent, or when the President for any reason does not or cannot preside.

RULE 5—*Clerk of Council.*

The City Secretary now in office shall be the clerk of the council during the term of the office of the present council, and it shall be his duty to act as reading and recording clerk of the council, and to countersign all certificates of the President of the council, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by this council.

RULE 6—*Meetings.*

The council shall meet each Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and at such other times as it may be called to meet by adjournment, by the call of the Mayor, the President, or by the call of two-thirds of the members thereof. When a meeting is adjourned until a subsequent time no notice of the meeting shall be necessary. But when a special meeting is called, at least 24 hours' notice shall be given by mailing a notice to each alderman at his postoffice address.

RULE 7—*Questions of Order.*

All questions of order shall be decided by the President or President *pro tem.*, subject to an appeal to the Board of Aldermen, a majority of whom may reverse his decision. Any alderman has the right to appeal from the decision or ruling of the chair, and should the chairman fail or refuse to entertain such appeal and put it to the vote of the council, the alderman making the appeal may himself put the question to the council and declare the result.

RULE 8—*Ayes and Noes.*

Any member may call for the ayes and noes, which, upon call being made, shall be entered upon the journal.

RULE 9—*Previous Question.*

The previous question may be re-moved by any member, which motion, if sustained by a majority of the board, shall preclude all amendments, and shall not be debatable.

RULE 10—*Motions.*

All motions must be seconded before being put by the chair, and upon the request of any member, reduced to writing.

RULE 11—*Motion to Adjourn.*

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, shall have precedence over all other matters, and shall not be debatable.

RULE 12—*Suspension of the Rules.*

Any of the rules may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the council.

RULE 13—*Absentees.*

Any member failing to attend a meeting of the council without a reasonable excuse, may be fined in a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

RULE 14—*Disorderly Members.*

Any member guilty of indecorum or disorderly conduct in the council, or refusing to come to order when required to do so, shall pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars, at the discretion of the President or President *pro tem*.

RULE 15—*Resolutions.*

Resolutions shall lie on the table, unless by a suspension of the rules, till the next regular meeting of the council, or be referred to a committee, whose duty it shall be to examine and report the same, either with or without amendments; or, if they disapprove of the same, to report their grounds of disapprobation.

RULE 16—*Voting on Confirmations.*

All voting on confirmations or nominations made by the Mayor, or for officers of the city, and voting on the election of President

or President *pro tem.*, shall be by ballot. A majority vote of all the aldermen elected shall be necessary to elect, and the presiding officer may vote on all questions.

RULE 17—*Motion to Reconsider.*

Any member may move a reconsideration of a vote not later than the next meeting after the vote is taken. A two-thirds vote of the aldermen present and voting shall be necessary to reconsider any vote taken by the council.

RULE 18—*Debates.*

When a question is under debate, the rules laid down in Cushing's Manual shall govern this council, unless in conflict with these rules.

RULE 19—*When Disposed Of.*

When a question has once been determined by the council, the same question shall not again be considered for six months thereafter, unless by a reconsideration as hereinbefore provided.

RULE 20—*Certification.*

Upon the passage of any motion, resolution or ordinance, it shall be the duty of the President of the council, or upon his failure or refusal so to do, the President *pro tempore*, to certify to the same and transmit the original or a true certified copy thereof to the Mayor within ten days after the final passage thereof. This certificate shall be countersigned and attested by the clerk of the council.

RULE 21—*Reports Required.*

All committees shall report on matters referred to them, except when otherwise stated in the Charter, not later than the second meeting after such reference, unless granted further time by a vote of the majority of the council.

RULE 22—*President of Council, His Duties.*

There shall be elected by the present City Council at its first meeting in July, a President of the council, who shall be elected from the council by a vote of the majority of all the aldermen

elected, and said President shall hold his office until removed by the City Council, and he may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the City Council. Should he not be removed, he shall hold his office until the next annual election; and, in addition to the duties hereinbefore prescribed, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer:

To OPEN the setting, at the time to which the council is adjourned by taking the chair and calling the members to order.

To ANNOUNCE the business before the council in the order in which it is to be acted upon.

To RECEIVE and submit, in the proper manner, and in the order prescribed by the rules all motions and propositions presented by the members.

To PUT to a vote all questions which are regularly moved, or may necessarily arise, in the course of the proceedings, and to announce the result.

To RESTRAIN the members when engaged in debate, within the rules of order.

To ENFORCE upon all occasions the observance of order and decorum among the members.

To RECEIVE all messages and other communications and announce them to the council.

To AUTHENTICATE by his signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders and proceedings of the council.

To INFORM the council, when necessary, or when referred to for the purpose, in a point of order or practice; and in general, to represent and stand for the council, declaring its will and, in all things, obeying implicitly its commands.

SAID PRESIDENT and the President *pro tem.* shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of the State of Texas.

HISTORICAL

Houston was laid out in 1836, but was not chartered until 1838, when Francis Moore, Jr., was elected its first mayor; since that time the records have not been preserved intact, which may be accounted for from the fact that two fires have occurred during the interim, destroying the buildings in which they were preserved.

The records are intact from 1840 to 1846. They are missing from 1846 to 1865, but intact from 1865 to 1869. Another hiatus occurs from 1869 to 1872, but from 1872 to the present time, the records are intact.

The following is a list, as complete as can be prepared, taken from old publications still extant and from the records, where available, giving a roster of the city officials of Houston from 1838 to the present time:

Officers of the City From 1838 to 1904.

1838.

MAYOR—Francis Moore, Jr.

1839.

MAYOR—Geo. W. W. Lively.

ALDERMEN.....

OTHER OFFICERS—D. W. Babwell, Recorder; J. W. Bergen, Secretary; J. H. Brown, Treasurer; Thomas Stansbury, Jr., Marshal; Jas. Wag, Constable; Thos. F. Gravis, Market Master; Isaac Reed, Sexton; Geo. H. Bringhurst, Surveyor; Cruger & Moore, Printers.

1840.

MAYOR—Chas. Bigelow.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: H. R. Allen, Edmond Osborn.
Second Ward: Wm. M. Carper, Jno. Carlos. Third
Ward: Geo. Stevens, Jno. W. Moore. Fourth
Ward: F. Gerlach, A. Wynns.

OTHER OFFICERS—D. W. Babwell, Recorder; J. W. Bergen, Secretary; J. H. Brown, Treasurer; T. F. Gravis, Inspector; D. Busby, Marshal; G. H. Bringhurst, Surveyor; W. T. Moody, Constable.

1841.

MAYOR—John D. Andrews.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: M. DeChaumes, B. Carraher. Second Ward: Francis Moore, Jr., C. McAnnelly. Third Ward: Geo. Kimball, Geo. Fisher. Fourth Ward: Thos. Stansbury, C. W. Buckley.

OTHER OFFICERS—R. R. Wilkins, Recorder; H. Hyland, Secretary and Treasurer; D. Busby, Marshal; Jas. H. Clark, Deputy Marshal; H. T. Woody, Constable; Chas. Gerlach, Wharf Master; E. H. Haines and Chas. Bowen, Market Masters; Jacob Rothhaars, Surveyor; Michael Connelly, Sexton.

1842.

MAYOR—John D. Andrews.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: M. DeChaumes, T. Donnellan. Second Ward: Chas. Shearn, A. S. Ruthven. Third Ward: Geo. Kimball, Geo. Gazley. Fourth Ward: Thos. Stansbury, E. S. Perkins.

OTHER OFFICERS—John Scott and Wm. G. Evans, Records; J. H. Clark, Secretary and Treasurer; D. Busby, Marshal; H. T. Moody, Constable; Chas. Bowman, Market Master; D. Wheeler, Wharf Master; Michael Connelly, Sexton; Jacob Rothhaars, Surveyor.

1843.

MAYOR—Francis Moore, Jr.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: T. Donnellan, R. P. Boyce. Second Ward: John Church, J. W. Schrimpf. Third Ward: Jesse R. Randell, A. McGowen. Fourth Ward: E. S. Perkins, H. Baldwin.

OTHER OFFICERS—Geo. Fisher, Recorder; John Fitzgerald, Secretary and Treasurer; D. Busby, Marshal; H. T. Woody, Constable; Charles Brown, Market Master; S. D. Staats, Sexton; Jacob Rothhaars, Surveyor; James Cruger, Printer.

1844.

MAYOR—Horace Baldwin.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: M. H. Shryock, R. Levenhagen. Second Ward: E. B. Nichols, W. J. Hutchins. Third Ward: J. DeCordova, A. McGowen. Fourth Ward: C. R. Hopson, H. S. Bachelder.

OTHER OFFICERS—Justin Castanie, Recorder; Jas. A. Young, Marshal; Wm. K. Smith, Constable; John Fitzgerald, Secretary and Treasurer; Chas. Bowman, Market Master; D. Wheeler, Wharf Master; S. D. Staats, Sexton.

1845.

MAYOR—W. W. Swain.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: J. A. Harris, B. Carraher. Second Ward: W. J. Hutchins, T. M. League. Third Ward: J. DeCordova, B. A. Shepherd. Fourth Ward: C. R. Hopson.

OTHER OFFICERS—Jas. Bailey, Recorder; W. H. Smith, Marshal; John Fitzgerald, Secretary and Treasurer; C. Bowman, Market Master; D. G. Wheeler, Wharf Master; R. W. Ridgeway, Sexton; Jacob Rothhaars, Surveyor.

1846.

MAYOR—James Bailey.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: M. DeChaumes, M. K. Snell. Second Ward: J. W. Smith, J. W. White. Third Ward: J. W. Cruger, C. Merlin. Fourth Ward: J. W. Hogan, E. Simmler.

OTHER OFFICERS—Geo. Fisher, Recorder.

1847.

MAYOR—B. P. Buckner.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: M. K. Snell, John Kennedy. Second Ward: H. R. Allen, J. H. Stevens. Third Ward: P. Blymond, J. W. Cruger. Fourth Ward: J. H. Hogan, E. Simmler.

1848.

MAYOR—B. P. Buckner.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: C. Bowman, R. Brewster. Second Ward: J. H. Stevens, H. R. Allen. Third Ward: P. Thompson, J. A. Harris. Fourth Ward: E. Stockbridge, R. Brewster.

1849.

MAYOR—Francis Moore, Jr.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. McMillan, C. Bowman. Second Ward: J. W. Stevens, W. J. Hutchins. Third Ward: I. W. Brashear, A. McGowen. Fourth Ward: B. A. Shepherd, R. Brewster.

1850.

MAYOR—Francis Moore, Jr.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: John Kennedy, J. W. Bergan. Second Ward: E. B. Nichols, Peter Belles. Third Ward: A. S. Ruthven, W. A. Van Alstyne. Fourth Ward: B. A. Shepherd, E. W. Taylor.

1851.

MAYOR—Francis Moore, Jr.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: C. Bowman, C. McAnnelly. Second Ward: M. DeChaumes, P. Belles. Third Ward: J. W. Brashear, J. J. Cain. Fourth Ward: P. Thompson, H. S. Bachelder.

1852.

MAYOR—Francis Moore, Jr.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: M. Wilson, Wm. McMillan. Second Ward: P. Belles, J. W. Schrimpf. Third Ward: J. C. Massie, P. Thompson. Fourth Ward: W. H. King, H. R. Allen.

1853.

MAYOR—Nathan Fuller.

ALDERMEN—Fourth Ward: R. Brewster.

1854.

MAYOR—Nathan Fuller.

ALDERMEN.....

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Anders, Recorder; J. P. Hogan, Marshal; G. H. Bringhurst, Wharf Master; John Riordan, City Treasurer.

1855.

MAYOR—Jas. H. Stevens.

ALDERMEN—Second Ward: Wm. M. Rice.

OTHER OFFICERS—W. B. Reeves, Recorder; Geo. Roderick, Secretary and Treasurer; G. H. Bringhurst, Wharf Master.

1856.

MAYOR—Jas. H. Stevens. C. Ennis, Mayor *pro tem*.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: A. McGowen, J. B. Hogan. Second Ward: Wm. M. Rice, John Dickinson. Third Ward: Henry Sampson, T. S. Lubbock. Fourth Ward: W. H. King.

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Anders, Recorder; Robert Brewster, Secretary and Treasurer.

1857.

MAYOR—Cornelius Ennis.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Wm. Burnet, J. B. Hogan. Second Ward: W. M. Rice, John Dickinson. Third Ward: Henry Sampson, T. S. Lubbock. Fourth Ward: W. H. King, T. W. House.

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Anders, Recorder; R. P. Boyce, Marshal;
E. F. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer; George H.
Bringinghurst, Wharf Master.

1858.

MAYOR—A. McGowen.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: I. C. Lord, Ed. Daly. Second
Ward: A. Seneshal, W. B. Vincent. Third Ward:
Henry Sampson, T. S. Lubbock. Fourth Ward: W.
H. King, W. D. Robinson.

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Anders, Recorder; George H. Bring-
hurst, Wharf Master.

1859.

MAYOR—W. H. King.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: I. C. Lord, Ed. Daly. Second
Ward: A. Seneshal, F. S. Rottenstein. Third Ward:
W. S. Owens, P. Thompson. Fourth Ward: C. C.
Speers, Thos. Elsbury.

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Anders, Recorder; E. F. Williams, Mar-
shal; Geo. Rottenstein, Secretary and Treasurer;
Geo. H. Bringinghurst, Wharf Master; John Ruders-
dorf, Sexton.

1860.

MAYOR—T. W. Whitmarsh.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: John Shea, Ed. Daly. Second Ward:
H. Engelke, E. F. Williams. Third Ward: F. A.
Rice, Ed. Riordan. Fourth Ward: H. H. Smalley,
Henderson King.

OTHER OFFICERS—M. Smith, Recorder; I. C. Stafford, Secretary
and Treasurer; Geo. H. Bringinghurst, Wharf Master;
J. R. Proudfoot, Marshal; H. G. Pannell, Sexton.

1861.

MAYOR—W. J. Hutchins.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: I. C. Lord, E. Daly. Second Ward:
A. Sessums, Geo. Bringinghurst. Third Ward: W.
Anders, H. Fleishman. Fourth Ward: T. W. House,
H. D. Taylor.

OTHER OFFICERS—W. Ferguson, Recorder; I. C. Stafford and Henry Brashear, Secretary and Treasurer; Robert Brewster, Assessor and Collector; R. P. Boyce, Marshal; H. G. Pannell, Sexton.

1862.

MAYOR—T. W. House.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: I. C. Lord, William Thomas. Second Ward: Geo. Frazer, Peter Floeck. Third Ward: W. Anders, Henry Fleishman. Fourth Ward: H. D. Taylor, Henry Fisher.

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Ferguson, Recorder; H. F. Mathews, Marshal; M. C. Massie, Assessor and Collector; H. G. Pannell, Sexton; F. B. Gibson, City Attorney; Geo. Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer.

1863.

MAYOR—Wm. Anders.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Wm. Thomas, W. Burnett. Second Ward: G. W. Frazer, M. Reichman. Third Ward: Henry Fleishman, A. Crawford. Fourth Ward: C. C. Speers, W. D. Robinson.

OTHER OFFICERS—Wm. Ferguson, Recorder; I. C. Lord, Marshal; G. Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer; Robert Brewster, Assessor and Collector; M. A. Dooley, City Attorney; H. G. Pannell, Sexton; Wm. H. Howard, City Physician.

1864.

MAYOR—Wm. Anders.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. E. Thomas, Wm. Burnett. Second Ward: G. W. Frazer, M. Reichman. Third Ward: H. Fox, H. Fleishman. Fourth Ward: C. C. Speers, W. D. Robinson.

OTHER OFFICERS—Robert Brewster, Assessor and Collector; J. B. Hogan, Recorder, deceased, succeeded by A. P. Thompson; I. C. Lord, Marshal; H. G. Pannell, Sexton; Geo. Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer.

1865.

MAYOR—W. Anders.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. E. Thomas, W. Burnett. Second Ward: G. W. Frazer, M. Reichman. Third Ward: H. Fleishman, H. Fox. Fourth Ward: C. C. Speers, W. D. Robinson.

OTHER OFFICERS—Robert Brewster, Assessor and Collector; Wm. Ferguson, Recorder; I. C. Lord, Marshal; H. G. Pannell, Sexton; George Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer.

1866.

MAYOR—H. D. Taylor.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Wm. Burnett, R. O. Love. Second Ward: M. Reichman, S. Geiselman. Third Ward: H. Fleishman, J. M. Geiselman. Fourth Ward: T. M. Bagby, L. C. Stanley.

OTHER OFFICERS—R. Brewster, Assessor and Collector; I. C. Lord, City Marshal; J. F. Moody, City Physician; Geo. Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer. On May 31, George H. Bringhurst was elected City Secretary, vice George Ewing, resigned.

1867.

At the election held in December, 1866, the following officers were elected by the people:

MAYOR—A. McGowen.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. A. Daly, M. McNally. Second Ward: J. E. Schrimpf, H. F. Hurd. Third Ward: Chas. J. Grainger, Ed. Riordan. Fourth Ward: T. B. Howard, A. C. Baker. Fifth Ward: A. M. Brooks, M. Conway.

OTHER OFFICERS—Robert Brewster, Assessor and Collector; H. G. Pannell, Sexton; I. C. Lord, City Marshal; B. Pu. Fuller, Recorder; James Masterson, City Attorney; W. H. Griffin, Surveyor and Engineer; Wm. Williams, Superintendent Public Works; J. F. Moody, City Physician; Geo. Bringhurst, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers following Recorder were chosen by the Board of Aldermen.

On the 5th of December, 1867, by order of Major General J. J. Reynolds, U. S. A., commanding Fifth Military District, the following changes were made in the local civil government of Houston:

J. M. Kaumheimer, Assessor and Collector, vice Robert Brewster, removed.

J. F. Miller, Alderman First Ward, vice M. McNally, removed.

George Dumble, Alderman Third Ward, vice C. G. Granger, removed.

F. Stellbauer, Alderman Third Ward, vice Ed. Riordan, removed.

Wm. R. Fayle, Alderman Fourth Ward, vice T. B. Howard, removed.

James Bailey, Alderman Fourth Ward, vice A. C. Baker, removed.

J. B. Sawyer, Alderman Fifth Ward, vice A. M. Brooks, removed.

R. G. Rawley, Alderman Fifth Ward, to fill a vacancy.

1868.

On the 8th day of August, Joseph R. Morris presented his credentials, an order from military headquarters, and took his seat as mayor of Houston, displacing Hon. A. McGowen. At the same time, T. H. Scanlan was similarly appointed Alderman to fill a vacancy in the Third Ward.

On the 22nd day of the same month, Alderman Bailey, having resigned, H. B. Allen, of the Fourth Ward, succeeded him by appointment. R. B. Baer was similarly installed as an Alderman of the Fifth Ward to fill a vacancy.

In September of this year, Judge Fuller, Recorder, was removed by military authority, and James G. Tracy appointed to fill the vacancy. About the same time, A. K. Taylor was appointed City Marshal, vice I. C. Lord, removed.

1869.

Vacancies having occurred in the aldermanic representation of the First and Second Wards, Sam W. Young and H. Engelke qualified to fill the same, by appointment of General Reynolds.

A. K. Taylor resigned the office of City Marshal and M. E. Davis was appointed by General Reynolds to fill the vacancy.

1870.

On the 18th day of August, 1870, another change in the city administration occurred by order of E. J. Davis, Governor of Texas, and this gave to Houston its first negro law-makers.

Following are the officers :

MAYOR—T. H. Scanlan.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Adam Huebner, *Johnson Rice. Second Ward: Eugene Pillot, Gustave Meyer. Third Ward: Jacob Binz, *Sandy Parker. Fourth Ward: J. W. McDonald, *Richard Brock. Fifth Ward: Thomas F. Hailey, *Willis Hitte.

*Negroes.

On the 15th of December, 1870, the Council elected the following :

R F. Pannell, City Sexton; W. B. Bonner, Secretary and Treasurer; A. R. Masterson, City Attorney; J. E. Whittlesey, Street Commissioner. Joe Smallwood was elected City Marshal by the City Council, and Jacob Binz, Assessor and Collector, August 18th.

1871.

A. C. Rogers was appointed by Governor Davis Alderman of the Third Ward, vice Jacob Binz, resigned.

On the 9th of February R. O. Love was seated as Alderman of the Fourth Ward, vice Sandy Parker (negro), removed: Taylor Burke (negro), vice Adam Huebner, removed, First Ward. Hilliard Tayler (negro), vice T. F. Hailey, removed, Fifth Ward. H. D. Johnson, Second Ward, vice Johnson Rice (negro), removed.

On the 23rd of February, J. E. Whittlesey tendered his resignation as Street Commissioner, and James Snowball was elected to fill the vacancy.

April 15th A. C. Baker was elected Health Officer.

May 6, 1871, W. B. Bonner, City Secretary and Treasurer, was

impeached by the City Council, for malfeasance in office, tried and convicted and his office declared vacant. Wm. H. Allen was elected to fill the office, but failed to qualify, and the duties of the office were discharged by W. A. Daly, Secretary *pro tem*, until November 16,

1872.

when the following new administration was elected:

MAYOR—T. H. Scanlan.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: James Flynn, *Richard Brock. Second Ward: Isaac Coleman, H. D. Johnson. Third Ward: *Wm. Pulliam, Henry Hendricks. Fourth Ward: W. D. Alexander, J. E. Whittlesey. Fifth Ward: *Allen Fitzgerald, John Trentem.

OTHER OFFICERS—E. L. Leonhardt, Recorder; R. Van Patten, City Marshal; R. F. Pannell, City Sexton; *Taylor Burke, Street Commissioner; W. A. Daly, secretary and Treasurer.

*Negroes.

1874.

The following named officers were appointed under the provisions of the Charter passed by the Legislature of the State of Texas on the 20th of January, 1874:

MAYOR—J. T. D. Wilson.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: N. P. Turner, W. Harral. Second Ward: Chas. Gehring. Third Ward: W. C. Wagley, F. A. Rice. Fourth Ward: Wm. Christian, D. C. Smith. Fifth Ward: I. C. Lord, S. F. Noble.

This Board elected the following officers: H. C. Thompson, City Marshal; M. J. Massie, Assessor and Collector; A. R. Masterson, City Attorney; Thos. Hennessey, Street Commissioner; Charles Behring, City Sexton; W. A. Daly, Secretary and Treasurer.

Subsequently the following officers were elected:

MAYOR—J. T. D. Wilson.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: N. P. Turner, John Maher. Second Ward: F. W. Heitmann, T. U. Lubbock. Third Ward: R. B. Baer, J. D. Usener. Fourth Ward: Fred Stanley, Robert Burns. Fifth Ward: B. F. McDonough, M. Harrington.

This Board elected the following officers: J. H. Duncan, Recorder; H. C. Thompson, Marshal; M. J. Massie, Assessor and Collector; Charles Stewart, City Attorney; Thomas Hennessey, Street Commissioner; Chas. Behring, Sexton; S. A. McAshan, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. McAshan resigned his office, and on August 22nd John Reichman was elected to fill the vacancy. Dr. J. Larendon, Health Officer.

1875

MAYOR—I. C. Lord.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: John Maher, R. S. Kirk. Second Ward: T. U. Lubbock, J. H. Mason. Third Ward: R. B. Baer, J. M. Tryon. Fourth Ward: Fred Stanley, A. B. Brown. Fifth Ward: M. Harrington, J. C. Thomas.

OTHER OFFICERS—Z. T. Hogan, Assessor and Collector; A. Erichson, Marshal; Hugo Lehmann, Recorder; W. H. Crank, Attorney; Thos. Hennessey, Street Commissioner; Chas. Bering, Sexton; Dr. W. A. Tryon, Health Officer; John Reichman, Secretary and Treasurer; T. Whitty, City Engineer.

1876.

MAYOR—I. C. Lord.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: R. S. Kirk, Chas. Smith; Second Ward: J. H. Mason, Martin Floeck; Third Ward: J. M. Tryon, J. G. Tracy; Fourth Ward: A. B. Brown, T. Elsbury; Fifth Ward: J. C. Thomas, W. F. Riley.

OTHER OFFICERS—J. B. Friedheim, Recorder; F. N. Butt, City Marshal; E. P. Turner, City Attorney; Z. T. Hogan, Assessor and Collector; John Hamilton, Street Commissioner; C. H. Bering, Sexton; Dr. R. Rutherford, Health Officer; T. Whitty, Engineer; John Reichman, Secretary and Treasurer.

February 25th Alderman Kirk resigned, and Alderman Floeck died March 21st, creating two vacancies, which were filled by the election of A. McGowen and A. Harris.

1877.

MAYOR—J. T. D. Wilson.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Chas. Smith, Chas. Bartels. Second Ward: A. Harris, W. Harral. Third Ward: Hy. Scherffius, E. Pillot. Fourth Ward: T. Elsbury, C. C. Wiggin. Fifth Ward: W. F. Riley, Ed Dunn.

OTHER OFFICERS—J. M. Tryon, Assessor and Collector; C. L. Martin, Recorder; A. Erichson, Marshal; Ed. Schultz, Sr., Street Commissioner; C. H. Bering, Sexton; J. H. Duncan, City Attorney; John Reichman, Secretary and Treasurer; Wm. Cooper, Health Inspector.

1878.

MAYOR—Jas. T. D. Wilson.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Chas. Bartels, H. H. Dooley. Second Ward: W. Harral, C. R. Gentry. Third Ward: Hy. Scherffius, J. G. Tracy. Fourth Ward: C. C. Wiggin, S. C. Timpson. Fifth Ward: Ed Dunn, I. C. Lord.

OTHER OFFICERS—Jno. Reichman, Secretary; Nathan Fuller, Recorder; C. C. Beavens, Assessor and Collector; Alex Erichson, Marshal; Richard Allen, Street Commissioner; R. F. Pannell, Sexton.

1879.

MAYOR—A. J. Burke.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: H. H. Dooley, W. H. Gavanl. Second Ward: C. R. Gentry, Chas. Bente. Third Ward: J. G. Tracy, Henry Scherffius. Fourth Ward: S. C. Timpson, W. N. Shaw. Fifth Ward: I. C. Lord, C. B. Bell.

OTHER OFFICERS—John Reichman, Secretary; C. C. Beavens, Assessor and Collector; Jno. F. Morris, Marshal; H. A. Maydole, Recorder; Chas. Bartels, Street Commissioner; C. H. Bering, Sexton.

1880-1882.

MAYOR—W. R. Baker.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Jno. Kennedy, A. McGowen. Second Ward: M. Curtin, W. J. Hutchins. Third Ward: J. Waldo, W. D. Cleveland. Fourth Ward: W. N. Shaw, T. W. House. Fifth Ward: J. C. Thomas, Sam Allen.

OTHER OFFICERS—John Reichman, Secretary; C. P. Walker, Assessor and Collector; Chas. Wichmann, Marshal.

1882-1884.

MAYOR—W. R. Baker.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Jno. Kennedy, J. F. Meyer. Second Ward: W. J. Hutchins, M. Curtin. Third Ward: W. D. Cleveland, J. Waldo. Fourth Ward: T. W. House, W. N. Shaw. Fifth Ward: J. C. Thomas, J. R. Little.

October 9, 1882, Stephen O'Flynn elected Alderman, Second Ward, to succeed W. J. Hutchins, resigned.

OTHER OFFICERS—John Reichman, Secretary; P. C. Walker, Assessor and Collector; Chas. Wichmann, Marshal.

1884-1886.

MAYOR—W. R. Baker.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Andrew Dow, Jno. H. Lang. Second Ward: H. Schefer, S. O'Flynn. Third Ward: J. Waldo, W. D. Cleveland. Fourth Ward: T. W. Cronan, T. W. House. Fifth Ward: J. C. Thomas, Z. T. Hogan.

John Reichman, Secretary.

1886-1888.

MAYOR—D. C. Smith.

ALDERMAN—First Ward: Geo. Underwood, Hugh Hamilton. Second Ward: Geo. H. Blake, S. O'Flynn. Third Ward: W. L. Macatee, M. G. Howe. Fourth Ward: A. Bering, T. W. Cronan. Fifth Ward: W. Alexander, Thos. Williamson.

John Reichman was Secretary until July 14th, 1886, when succeeded by Geo. R. Bringhurst.

1888-1890.

MAYOR—D. C. Smith.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Geo. Underwood, Hugh Hamilton.
Second Ward: Jno. Kennedy, Hy. Freund. Third
Ward: M. G. Howe, J. F. Meyer. Fourth Ward:
H. Koch, B. A. Riesner. Fifth Ward: Jno. T.
Browne, J. H. Pruitt.

George R. Bringhurst. Secretary.

1890-1892.

MAYOR—Henry Scherffius.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: H. Hamilton, J. F. Kessler. Second
Ward: Henry Freund, S. O'Flynn. Third Ward:
J. F. Meyer, M. G. Howe. Fourth Ward: E. T.
Heiner, B. A. Riesner. Fifth Ward: J. H. Pruitt,
J. W. Stevenson.

OTHER OFFICERS—A. S. Richardson, Secretary; H. F. Ring,
City Attorney; A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; Chas. Wich-
mann, Marshal; Robt. Adair, Assessor and Collector;
O. Erichson, Market Master; J. H. Duncan, Record-
er; Jack Kennedy, Street Commissioner; Dr. J. M.
Boyles, Health Officer; I. Morris, Scavenger.

1892-1894.

MAYOR—Jno. T. Browne.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: Hugh Hamilton, W. J. Kohlhauff.
Second Ward: Henry Fox, J. M. Geiselman. Third
Ward: Jules Hirsch, C. P. Shearn. Fourth Ward:
B. A. Riesner, Hy' Koch. Fifth Ward: Sampson
Lyle, Aug. Schilling.

OTHER OFFICERS—A. S. Richardson, Secretary; S. H. Brashear,
City Attorney; A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; Alex Erich-
son, Marshal; Robt. Adair, Assessor and Collector;
O. Erichson, Market Master; Jno. H. Duncan, Re-
corder; Jack Kennedy, Street Commissioner; Dr.
Geo. Larendon, Health Officer; Joe Walker, Scaven-
ger; G. M. LaNoue. Engineer.

1894-1896.

MAYOR—Jno. T. Browne.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. J. Kohlhauff, L. Sonnen. Second Ward: Henry Freund, W. G. Heinze. Third Ward: Jules Hirsch, Si Packard. Fourth Ward: W. H. Bailey, B. Repsdorph. Fifth Ward: W. J. Aubertin, Jas. McAughan.

Alderman Freund died in May, 1895, and E. M. Burke was elected to succeed him, and was installed May 7, 1895.

OTHER OFFICERS—A. S. Richardson, Secretary; A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; G. M. LaNoue, Engineer; Justin White, Assessor and Collector; J. H. Pruitt, Marshal; W. B. Hill, Recorder; Jack Kennedy, Street Commissioner.

1896-1898.

MAYOR—H. B. Rice.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. J. Kohlhauff, L. Sonnen. Second Ward: E. M. Burke, J. M. Geiselman. Third Ward: B. R. Latham, G. C. Street. Fourth Ward: Robt. Adair, J. C. Matthews. Fifth Ward: W. J. Aubertin, Jas. McAughan. Sixth Ward: T. W. Cronan, J. M. Heiser.

OTHER OFFICERS—B. R. Warner, Secretary; A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; Justin White, Assessor and Collector; Chas. Heim, Marshal; Jno. S. Stewart, Attorney; Robt. McElroy, Health Officer; Jack Kennedy, Street Commissioner; G. M. La Noue, Engineer; A. R. Railey, Recorder.

City Engineer G. M. La Noue died June, 1896, and on June 8th, 1896, Louis A. Gueringer was appointed for the unexpired term.

1898-1900.

MAYOR—S. H. Brashear.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: L. Sonnen, H. L. Robinson. Second Ward: W. G. Heinze, A. R. Rosenthal. Third Ward: J. D. Woolford, H. H. Dickson. Fourth Ward: L. J. Tuffly, H. W. Cortès. Fifth Ward: W. J. Aubertin, J. G. Blackburn. Sixth Ward: J. M. Heiser, H. A. Halverton.

OTHER OFFICERS—P. S. Banner, Secretary; A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; Justin White, Assessor and Collector; Jno. S. Stewart, Attorney; Archie Anderson, Marshal; A. R. Railey, Recorder; I. Austin Miller, Engineer; R. Rutherford, Health Officer; Jack Kennedy, Street Commissioner.

The changes during the administration were as follows:

Archie Anderson resigned as Marshal, to become a candidate for Sheriff, and was succeeded by W. M. Baugh on December 26, 1898.

Secretary P. S. Banner was elected Auditor, and W. M. Baugh was appointed to succeed Banner as Secretary.

J. G. Blackburn resigned as Alderman, and was appointed Chief of Police, and on January 2, 1899, M. D. Bennett was appointed Alderman to succeed J. G. Blackburn.

In April, 1899, the death of Justin White made vacant the office of Assessor and Collector, and on April 11th, 1899, Jules Hirsch was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The death of Dr. R. Rutherford, occurring in March, 1899, made vacant the office of Health Officer, and on April 3, 1899, Dr. J. B. Massie was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

September 29, 1899, Alderman J. M. Heiser appointed Superintendent of Parks, and L. Gus Mueller appointed to fill the unexpired term of Alderman Heiser.

1900-1902.

MAYOR—S. H. Brashear.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: H. L. Robinson, L. Sonnen. Second Ward: L. E. Miller, Jas. A. Thompson. Third Ward: J. D. Woolford, W. W. Thomas. Fourth Ward: L. J. Tuffly, Thos. O'Leary. Fifth Ward: W. J. Aubertin; M. D. Bennett.

OTHER OFFICERS—W. M. Baugh, Secretary; A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; James P. Welsh, Assessor and Collector; Joe M. Sam, Attorney; J. G. Blackburn, Chief of Police; A. R. Railey, Recorder; J. B. Massie, Health Officer; Matt Drennan, Street Commissioner.

The changes during this administration were as follows:

June 7th, 1900, W. M. Baugh resigned as Secretary, and A. Lipper was appointed to succeed him.

January 25th, 1901, S. H. Brashear resigned as Mayor, and February 20th, 1901, J. D. Woolford was elected Mayor to fill the unexpired term of S. H. Brashear, resigned.

February 25th, 1901, Frank E. Rue appointed Alderman to fill unexpired term of Alderman Woolford.

1902-1904.

MAYOR—O. T. Holt.

ALDERMEN—First Ward: W. J. Kohlhauff, Henry Puls. Second Ward, L. E. Miller, James A. Thompson. Third Ward: Edgar Watkins, G. C. Street. Fourth Ward: Herman T. Keller, T. W. Archer. Fifth Ward: Steve N. Garvey, Robt. L. Jones. Sixth Ward: J. Z. Gaston, W. T. Wall.

D. D. Bryan, Secretary.

Alderman Watkins resigned November 2, 1903, and W. W. Thomas was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

OTHER OFFICERS—A. A. Szabo, Treasurer; Jas. P. Welsh, Assessor and Collector; T. H. Stone, Attorney; Geo. Ellis, Chief of Police; A. R. Railey, Recorder; W. M. Brunby, Health Officer; Matt Drennan, Street Commissioner.

The Volunteer Fire Department.

(From a Houston Directory of 1877.)

The Houston Fire Department, as well as can be remembered (no record being at hand), was organized in 1866. Among the Chief and Assistant Engineers are now remembered only the following:

Frank Fabj, E. L. Bremond, M. Reichman, E. L. Hopkins, W. D. Cleveland, Hy. Scherffius, Wm. Williams, Ed White. The department was reorganized on the 17th of September, 1874, as follows:

Wm. Williams, Chief Engineer; C. C. Beavens, First Assistant;

F. E. Haun, Second Assistant. In 1875 the elected officers were: Wm. Williams, Chief; C. C. Beavens, First Assistant; J. H. B. House, Second Assistant. Those elected in 1876 were J. H. B. House, Chief; Z. T. Hogan, First Assistant; C. C. Beavens, Second Assistant.

The 21st of April, the anniversary of the battle on San Jacinto, was adopted for the anniversary day of the department, and has thrice been observed with great *ecclat*. The officers of the department were elected by three delegates from each company, composing the same on the second Monday in May of each year.

From May 4, 1874, to May 1, 1875, there were fifteen fires, entailing a loss of \$690,000.00, on which there was insurance to the amount of \$17,600.00. The Houston City (Cotton) Mills burned August 7th, 1875. The loss by this fire amounted to \$200,000.00, including the building, machinery and stock on hand.

From May 4th, 1875, to May 1st, 1876, there were thirty-four fires. Of these seventeen were incendiary, two lamp explosions, nine accidental, and six unknown causes. Loss, \$363,500.00; insurance \$73,450.00.

From May 3rd, 1876, to February 1st, 1877, the number of fires reached twenty-one. Of these eleven were incendiary, three defective flues, two lamp explosions, and remainder from unknown causes. Loss, \$1,000,000.00

These figures show that since the 1st of May, 1874, Houston has suffered from fire alone losses footing up the immense sum of two million, two hundred and fifty-three thousand, five hundred dollars; yet today we see her assuming her wonted position in the front rank in the onward march of progress.

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